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MP urges the council to refuse housing U-turn

Developer submits a plan to make payment rather than build affordable homes



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TOWN MP Robert Halfon has hit out after a developer's bid to waive a duty to provide affordable housing on a new development.

Last year Harlow Council approved an initial plan for a Suffolk-based developer to build

around the Grade II-listed Churchgate Hotel (pictured), which itself is on the market.

A condition of the planning approval was for some of the housing to be classed as affordable.

However the firm now wants to make an off-site financial contribution rather than sell nine of 26 dwellings at a cheaper rate.

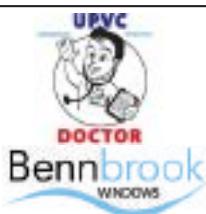
Mr Halfon said: "We desperately need affordable housing for Harlow families and that was the original intention behind the development."

Harlow Council's development management committee is expected to make a decision on the U-turn in September.

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Robert Halfon MP



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Meet the firefighters, sit in the fire engine and explore the fire station in this free event.



Find some tasty food at Bishop's Stortford Farmers' Market

Paramedics will also be on hand to give advice and lessons in life saving CPR and police will be there to talk about crime prevention.

TECH A LOOK
HARLOW TECH FEST COMMUNITY FESTIVAL: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER**2, FROM 10AM TO 11PM, MARKET SQUARE, HARLOW**

Live music from the likes of Artful Dodger is on offer at this community event.

The free festival is curated to allow residents to engage with town businesses.

GREDA'S WORK**INSIGHT AND OBSERVATION: EXHIBITION RUNS UNTIL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, PARNDON MILL GALLERY, OFF ELIZABETH WAY, HARLOW**

A free exhibition celebrating Harlow's 70 th anniversary sees German-born sculptor Gerda Rubinstein present her popular works and lesser known drawings.

FUN DAY OUT**HARLOW STROKE SUPPORT GROUP FUN DAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, FROM 11AM TO 4PM, THE LINK, PARSLOE ROAD, HARLOW**

Harlow Stroke Support Group is holding their annual Fun Day for families.

Entry is £1 for adults and 50p for children.

FROM THE FARM**BISHOP'S STORTFORD FARMERS AND CRAFT MARKET: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, FROM 9.30AM TO 1.30PM, NORTH STREET, BISHOP'S STORTFORD**

Artisan food and craft from Stortford and surrounding areas.

IT'S A WEEPIE!**LA BOHEME: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FROM 8.30PM, RHODES, NORTH STREET, BISHOP'S STORTFORD**

The Olivier Award-winning version of Puccini's much-loved weepie is showing in Bishop's Stortford.

Air ambulance lands in field close to northbound carriageway



Traffic builds up on the motorway as a result of the crash

Officers' final warning over search of teen

TWO Essex Police officers have been issued with final written warnings after a 16-year-old was strip-searched without an appropriate adult being present.

The allegations centre around incidents in 2014 when officers from Southend were tackling a gang who were suspected of being involved in the supply of Class A drugs. A 16-year-old boy was strip-searched, without an appropriate adult being present.

After a five day misconduct hearing in Harlow that concluded on Friday (August 25), the panel, chaired by Siobhan Goodrich, ruled that officers PC Michael Brimfield's and PC Ian Patterson's behaviour had breached the Standards of Professional Behaviour.

In the case of PC Brimfield, it was determined by the panel that his breaches of 'Use of Force', 'duties and Responsibilities' and 'Failing to Challenge and Report' paragraphs of the Standards of Professional Behaviour on August 4, 2014 and August 17, 2014 were proven at a level of gross misconduct.

In the case of PC Patterson, the panel determined that his breaches of the 'duties and Responsibilities' paragraph of the Standards of Professional Behaviour on August 6, 2014 and August 17, 2014 were proven at a level of gross misconduct.

After the hearing, Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Worron, of Essex Police, said: "We take our responsibility to protect vulnerable people extremely seriously. It was proven that both officers failed to exercise their duties properly in August 2014.

They failed to consider the vulnerability of a 16-year-old boy adequately.

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Driver in hospital after accident on motorway

By Huw Wales

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A MOTORIST has been taken to hospital after an air ambulance was deployed to a serious crash on the M11.

Emergency services were called to the M11 yesterday between Harlow (junction 7) and Bishop's Stortford (junction 8) after reports of a two-vehicle crash involving a car and a lorry.

Part of the response included an air ambulance which landed in a field next to the northbound carriageway of the M11.

Two of the three lanes of the M11 were closed by emergency services while they attempted to recover the

vehicles and clear a fuel spill.

Motorists heading north on the M11 were being warned by Highways England to expect delays of more than an hour while a cleanup operation was carried out.

An East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST) spokeswoman said: "We were called to reports of a road traffic collision on the M11 northbound, between junctions 7 and 8.

Scene

"An ambulance crew, an ambulance officer and an air ambulance from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) were dispatched to the scene to help."

"The patient was assessed at the scene and then taken by land ambu-

lance to the Princess Alexandra Hospital for further care."

The spokeswoman for the EEAST said that the injuries that the person had suffered were not yet known.

A spokesman for the Essex Fire and Rescue Service said: "Firefighters were called to assist at the scene of a road traffic collision on the M11 between junctions 7 and 8.

"The collision involved a car and a LGV.

"No one was trapped in the vehicles, but fire crews assisted with a large fuel spill from the LGV."

"Firefighters made the scene safe and left at 10:30am."

A spokeswoman for Essex Police said they were called to a road traffic collision between junctions 7 and 8 on

the M11 at 9:45am.

"A blue Land Rover Discovery has collided with an HGV," she added.

"No one was injured but the 55-year-old driver of the Land Rover was advised to attend the Princess Alexandra hospital in Harlow."

Spillage

"The road was closed for a short period of time. Lane three has now been reopened however, lanes one and two remain closed in order to recover the vehicles and for the fuel spillage to be cleared."

Despite the fuel spilling onto the carriageway a spokesman for Highways England said that there was no expectation that resurfacing works would have to be carried out.

Man hospitalised after being attacked by group

A MAN in his 30s was reportedly attacked in Pittmans Field, Harlow, by a group of men.

Essex Police attended the incident around 7.45pm on Saturday (August

27) and an investigation is being held into the assault.

The victim was taken to hospital and treated for injuries, which are not life-changing or life-threatening.

It was locally reported that there was a large police presence at the scene and Pittmans Field was sealed off by officers.

■ Anyone with information who

believes they may have witnessed the incident, is asked to contact Harlow Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

'Absolutely elated' pensioner student shows that you are never too old to learn

Proud Maureen completes nine years of study for her degree at the age of 81

By James Gregory
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A HARLOW pensioner has completed a nine-year university course at the age of 81 and says she feels education is a right for everyone.

Maureen Topley, who has lived in Harlow for more than 50 years, finished her Humanities and Art History BA honours degree with the Open University this July.

Mrs Topley said: "I was the oldest person on the course by quite a long way. I think the second oldest was in their fifties but most were just out of school.

"I was absolutely elated when I completed the course."

Quest

Mrs Topley enrolled on a six-year part-time course in 2008, but was forced to spread her studies over an extra three years due to two bereavements.

But the retired nurse's quest for knowledge has been with her for much longer.

"Even as a small child I have always wanted to learn, but the opportunities were not the same when I was young," she said.

"I have been attending art classes for many years – my teacher was very inspirational so I felt I had to do something with the



Maureen, pictured with husband Tom, has always had a passion for art and literature

Photo: PAUL TOPLEY

skills I had developed. Everyone should be able to learn – higher education is a right for everybody, not just if you can afford it."

Mrs Topley attended monthly classes at Writtle College, completing countless essays in a number of different topics on her way to achieving a third class honours degree.

She said: "I am not in paid employment but I have always got something to do – I cannot sit still."

"I have put myself in debt to put

myself through the course, but I am very lucky that I had some savings stored away."

The pensioner, who lives in Wellowfield, added: "My family have been so supportive of me – they were overjoyed when I said I was going to start the course and they jumped for joy when I had finished."

Born in Campbeltown, Scotland in 1936, Mrs Topley was placed in an orphanage when her mother contracted TB and died when she was four-years-old.



Maureen Topley finished her degree with the Open University this July at the age of 81

have all gone on to study undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

"We are so so proud of her."

Juggle

David Knight, director of access in academic services at the Open University, said: "Studying with The Open University is something which is open to all, no matter what age."

"The OU is the largest academ-

ic institution in the UK with almost 170,000 students from all ages and are at different stages of life, many of whom juggle work and families at the same time."

"At whatever age you gain your degree, it is a huge achievement and we congratulate Maureen and all those who have earned their degrees this summer."

Mrs Topley will graduate at the Barbican in London in March 2018 when she is 82.

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Gratitude of grandmother towards good Samaritans

Men came to aid of woman who broke her leg at Town Park

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A GRANDMOTHER who broke her leg whilst playing in Harlow Town Park wants to thank the two good Samaritans who came to her rescue.

Kim Groarke, 54, of Church Langley, Harlow, attempted to jump over a stream when she was with her grandson Morgan on August 10, around 3.45pm, but landed badly, breaking her leg and ankle.

The mother of five and grandmother of 15, said: "I was with my daughter and her baby daughter (near Pets' Corner) when it happened.

"She was panicked and called for help while I was screaming in agony."

Kindness

"Two men came over to help, I don't think they knew each other."

"They were so kind and tried to make me comfortable, one of them holding my leg still for what seemed like an eternity until the ambulance arrived.

"One man's wife looked after the baby while my daughter tried to comfort me.

"Once the ambulance arrived we were taken off to hospital.

"Two weeks later, I am still in The Royal London Hospital after having surgery on a badly broken, tibia, fibula and ankle."

Mrs Groarke, who works in St Elizabeth's Centre in Much Hadham as a care assistant, has



Kim Groarke with her grandson Morgan

now had two operations with two rods and one plate put into her leg.

She is hoping to leave hospital soon, but is regretful she did not get the details of the two men and contacted the Harlow Star to try and find the pair.

She added: "I would like if I can to find these very kind people so

that I can thank them properly for their help. It was a very stressful situation because I was in agony."

"I didn't get the chance on the day to let them know how much I appreciated their help."

■ If you are one of the two good Samaritans, or know who they are, please email william.mata@hertsessexnews.co.uk

New book so you can grab your crayons and bring colour to Harlow's 70th anniversary

COLOURING book fans can now enjoy illustrating the sights of Harlow in a new online publication.

Harlow Council has joined forces with town artist Simon Barnes to create the book as a celebration of the town's 70th birthday.

The book can be downloaded from the council's website and contains 22 illustrations of town landmarks and sculptures, including the Gibberd Gallery and Moot House.

Distributed

The local authority is sending digital copies to schools and paper copies will be distributed to community groups.

Mr Barnes said: "I have lived in Harlow since I was a teenager in the mid-70s. I have always enjoyed the green spaces and public art that are within the boundaries of the town."

"So as part of the Harlow is 70 celebrations I put forward the idea of a Harlow colouring book."

"I was lucky enough to meet (town planner) Sir Frederick Gibberd when he gave talks in



One of the illustrations in the book

1979 about the ideas and planning of Harlow New Town in 1947.

"Because I'm an artist I wanted to share my enjoyment of

the town spaces.

"As we are a sculpture town it was easy to draw the public areas that display the sculpture and a slice of history."



More than £1m paid out at town bingo hall

HARLOW is one of the luckiest regions for bingo players, according to data from national franchise Mecca.

The club hall in Terminus Street, Harlow, has paid out £1.36million in winnings over the past 12 months.

Harlow Mecca Bingo saw an average of 182 customers celebrating a win every day.

Hannah Delasalle, club manager, said: "To pay out £1.36m in prize money to our customers in just one year is fantastic."

"It's great to see that so many of our customers experience that all important winning feeling every single day at each of our venues across Harlow."

"I think people new to the game find it surprising not just how much fun they can have playing with Mecca, but also how much money they can actually win."

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Angela Knox and Mark Nicoll found a "distinct lack of facilities" suitable for filming in the area, so decided to set-up base just off the M11 corridor.

And as well as using it to film their own content, Ms Knox is looking to offer the facilities for hire.

She said: "A significant investment has been made into the studio in order to create a useable space with top of the range equipment.

"We hope it will be well supported by film makers and photographers throughout Essex and beyond."

Facilities include 1,350sq ft of studio space, three different sets, a green screen, a kitchen and sports facilities.

There is also a top-end selection of lighting and camera equipment.

Harlow MP Robert Halfon will cut the ribbon to the studios on Saturday September 9, and business will commence on Monday September 11.

For more information visit: www.matchingtystudios.co.uk

LINKFEST: 'The music was absolutely amazing... and the terrific LinkFest draws thousands to enjoy annual music in the park spectacular'

By William Mata

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THE organiser of Harlow's premier music festival hopes to expand LinkFest next year after another successful event.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 revellers watched bands perform last Sunday at the Bandstand of Harlow Town Park, following on from another successful edition in July.

Jamie Pring, organiser of LinkFest, said: "It was awesome. It was a fantastic crowd with fantastic music and it was everything we wanted to be."

"The music was absolutely amazing. The terrific crowd, they danced and they sang, it was a really fun community day."

"It was exactly what it should have been."

Warm sunshine created a friendly atmosphere as the audience enjoyed Guns 2 Roses, The

Heaters and Steve Forward.

The free event coincided with Harlow Carnival last month which attracted unprecedented numbers and Mr Pring said many had remembered the event and come back.

He continued: "The crowd was spread out quite a lot. There were people at the back and right down at the front."

"I think looking at the crowd the two acts who were outstanding were The Heaters and Guns 2 Roses.

Popular

"I don't think we have had so many people stay. They loved it to bits, and the bands are already begging to come back again."

"It has been a long time since they have played in Harlow."

Harlow LinkFest has evolved over its six years, originating as a whole weekend event which changed to three Sunday events and last year changed again to be held over two Sundays.

With further interest and involvement from Harlow Council, Mr Pring hopes the seventh year will be the biggest yet.

"Social media was going ber-



serk with people saying 'get down here'." he added.

"We are so lucky that we never

get any trouble, it is a real family day. People are saying to me 'don't ever give this up' because they



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The festival was blessed with excellent weather

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Visitors enjoy the festival, above, with organiser Jamie Pring saying of the crowd: They loved it to bits, they are already begging to come back again"

want it to keep happening."

He said: "I am meeting with the council to talk about next year. We

will have been going seven years and we are getting better responses. I would like to expand

next year. I know Harlow Council want to do the carnival again and we have got some great plans."



Around 4,000 people enjoyed Harlow's premier musical festival last weekend

Help for hapless boyfriends to pop the question

A JEWELLER is offering Harlow's most clueless boyfriends a helping hand in popping the question.

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Daunting

Lorna Haddon, diamond ring and jewellery buyer at Beaverbrooks, said: "A marriage proposal can be a daunting experience for a lot of men. It's no surprise, therefore, to see how many women felt their partner's efforts didn't quite hit the mark.

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Stewards Academy students in Harlow celebrate their results

GCSE RESULTS: There's glee after the uncertainty Harlow's exam stars rise to the challenge posed by a tough new marking system

By William Mata
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HARLOW students secured top GCSE results against a "backdrop of uncertainty" and confusion surrounding the new marking system.

Last Thursday head teachers at the town's six secondary schools spoke positively about their pupils' performances.

This is the first year a revised marking system is being used, with numbers replacing letter grades for English and mathematics.

All other subjects are marked as previously.

■ St Nicholas School

St Nicholas, Hobbs Cross Road, Old Harlow, celebrated "outstanding" results in the first year of head teacher David Brown's reign.

In total, 93 per cent of students gained at least five A* to C grades, or the equivalent 9 to 4, including mathematics and English, which is the benchmark.

Mr Brown, who took charge last September, said: "I am immensely proud of each and every one of our Year 11 leavers.

"The outstanding results they have achieved this year is testament to the hard work they have put in, the dedication of the teaching faculty and the support of our parents and the wider school community."

■ Stewards Academy

Students at Stewards Academy, Parnall Road, registered "pleasing" results with 72 per cent

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- A - 7
- B - 6 (higher band) 5 (lower band)
- C - 4
- D - 3
- E - 3 (higher band) 2 (lower band)
- F - 2 (higher band); 1 (lower band)
- G - 1
- U - U (No change)

passing mathematics and 71 per cent passing English with at least the equivalent of a C.

Hannah Furness, a top performer with ten results of at least an A or equivalent level 7, said: "I am proud of myself for managing the exam process and seeing that my hard work has paid off."

Head teacher designate Helen Ginger said: "I am delighted to see the hard work of staff and pupils rewarded with very pleasing results."

■ St Mark's West Essex Catholic School

Following on from their A-level success last week, St Mark's West Essex Catholic School, Tipton Road, recorded 84 per cent of pupils passing the English benchmark and 70 per cent for mathematics.

Elaine Heaphy, head teacher, said: "Against a backdrop of

change and uncertainty, for teachers, pupils and parents, we have maintained some excellent achievements and we are delighted.

"I am delighted that the hard work of our Year 11 pupils and their teachers has been rewarded with these excellent results.

"I am proud of every pupil in accepting and meeting the challenges of these exams."

■ Passmores Academy

Passmores Academy, in Tracyes Road, saw 62 per cent of students pass English and 60 per cent pass mathematics, in line with the Government's target.

Vic Goddard, principal, said: "So much has been said in the press about how hard it is to get the top grades in the new English and mathematics GCSEs.

"It is therefore fantastic that 18 per cent in English and 10 per cent in mathematics got the equivalent of an A or better."

He added: "There is no doubt those that worked the hardest and took the extensive and amazing opportunities to extend their knowledge and skills got the results they deserved which is how it should be."

■ Burnt Mill Academy

There was also success for Burnt Mill Academy, First Avenue, where 79 per cent met the benchmark for mathematics and 73 per cent for English.

John Blaney, head teacher, was proud that 24 per cent of GCSE grades were A* or A, while 53 per cent were A* to B.

He said: "I would like to thank



all of our students, staff and parents for their hard work and continued support.

"Staff at Burnt Mill go above and beyond. Our students put in the additional hours and it really does pay off. I am immensely proud of all they have achieved."

■ Mark Hall Academy

Mark Hall Academy, First Avenue, saw 51 per cent of students reach the benchmark grade for both mathematics and English.

Corinne Franceschi, principal since 2013, said: "Year on year, we have seen improvements in our results from what was a severely failing school.

"Staff and students have worked exceptionally hard and we continue to move forward on our upward trajectory of improvement.

"I am delighted that all of our students have secured further education places, training or jobs and that we have helped to secure successful pathways for them all."



St Nicholas head boy Curvis Esdelle, head girl Esha Alex, Joseph Suiter and Maximilian Thompson jump for joy

as the town's six secondary schools produce yet another strong set of results



Iva Thomas of St Mark's looks happy after picking up her results

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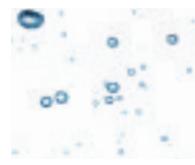


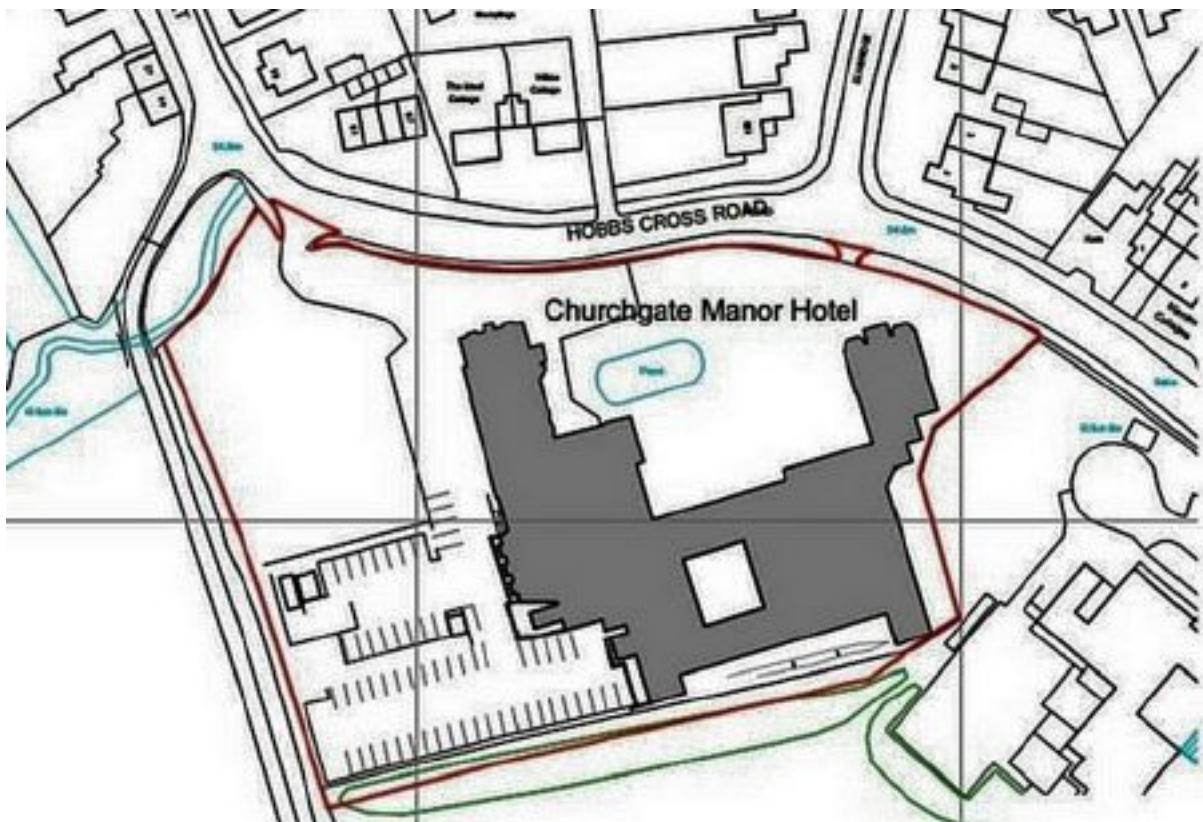
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A map showing where the development would take place

MP's angry reaction to affordable houses move

Developer wants to backtrack on condition for homes deal

By William Mata

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A FIRM'S bid to waive their duty to provide affordable housing on a new development has angered Harlow MP Robert Halfon and Councillor Joel Charles.

The Conservative politicians expressed concern at the developer's desire to make an off-site financial contribution rather than sell nine of 26 dwellings at a cheaper rate.

Initial

Last year Harlow Council approved an initial plan for the Suffolk-based developer to build around the Grade II-listed Churchgate Hotel, which itself is on the market for £1.75 million.

A condition of the planning approval was for some of the housing to be classed as affordable.

But last week residents near the Old Harlow site received a letter from the local authority inviting comments on a potential change of plan.



Robert Halfon, left, and Joel Charles have had their say



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Mr Charles, who represents Old Harlow ward, has received several emails from Churchgate Street residents on the issue.

He said: "It is very disappointing that the developer plans to backtrack

on a commitment to provide affordable units as part of their development.

"I feel the developer is pursuing the wrong course of action and should withdraw their application to modify

the agreed planning obligations.

"Old Harlow needs the right mix of affordable housing so I have written to Harlow Council to raise a formal objection.

"I would urge all Churchgate Street residents to do the same."

Harlow Council's development management committee is expected to make a decision on the U-turn in September.

Purchase

On their application for the amendment, the developer stated the change was needed because "no landlords showed any interests" to purchase the onsite units.

Mr Halfon said: "We desperately need affordable housing for Harlow families and that was the original intention behind the development."

Harlow Council and the developer have both been approached for a comment.

■ To comment on the application, visit: planningonline.harlow.gov.uk/online-applications

Key changes highlighted for Arriva bus users

A NUMBER of Arriva bus timetable changes kicked in for Harlow passengers this week.

As of last Sunday, the number 5, which connects Great Parndon and Summers Farm with the town has been dropped.

A replacement service from TrustyBus will run only during the

off-peak period from Mondays to Saturdays.

Also, several evening routes will be amended and the 1B, 3A and 6A numbers will be discontinued.

An Arriva spokesman said the changes follow Essex County Council's awarding of contracts.

Some notable changes are:

- The evening 1B service, which connects the town centre with Staple Tye and Katherines, will be incorporated into a new service 1, which harmonises the daytime and evening routes;
- This will also happen to the railway station-serving 3A which is standardised with the service 3;
- The number 5 will be discontinued by Arriva, as detailed above;
- Latton Bush - Bus Station service 6A will also no longer run and the route will be covered by service 4;
- The 41B will change hands to Arriva from TrustyBus on Sundays. TrustyBus will continue to operate the service from Monday to Saturday.

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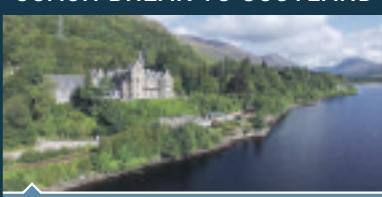
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Australian home improvement business to open warehouse on site of Homebase

DIY chain new store promises new jobs

By **Harriet Clugston**

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MORE than 25 new jobs will be created in Harlow later this year, as home improvement and garden retailer Bunnings Warehouse announces plans to open a new store.

The new store — which is scheduled to open later this year — will be on the site of the former Homebase in Edinburgh Way, after the Australian retailer acquired the UK hardware chain in February 2016 at a cost of £340 million.

Bunnings Warehouse plan to increase the total number of team members at the Harlow store to 76, with the new jobs being a mix

of full and part-time, with flexible hours to suit a variety of candidates. All new staff can expect to receive hundreds of hours of training in both product knowledge and specialist tasks such as paint mixing.

Team

Joanne Broadhurst, complex manager at Bunnings Warehouse Harlow, said: "It is a great time to join the Bunnings Warehouse team here in Harlow.

"We want to build a high-quality team so we can build strong business foundations for the future."

The move comes as part of Bunnings Warehouse's wider UK expansion plans, with a new store also planned for Basildon.



A new Bunnings store is coming to Harlow



What customers can expect to find in their new Harlow Bunnings store

lion of investment planned for over the next three to five years and 20 new stores set to be open by the end of the year in a mix of both new locations and converted Homebase sites.

The retailer has also recently opened stores in St Albans, Hemel Hempstead and Milton Keynes, with a new store also planned for Basildon.

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Elderly medical negligence cases at risk concern after family's courtroom victory

Hospital's apology after death of 80-year-old Waltham Abbey woman

By William Mata

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A SOLICITOR fears Government legislation could make a courtroom victory over Princess Alexandra Hospital impossible to replicate.

The infirmary in Hamstel Road, Harlow, apologised and settled a claim following the death of Waltham Abbey woman Rosa Smith three years ago.

But should a similar situation occur in the future, a legal expert from Attwaters Jameson Hill said they would be toothless to respond because of the Government's proposal to begin fixed fees.

Mrs Smith, then in her 80s, was hospitalised in October 2014, following a fall.

After she was about to be discharged from the high-dependency unit she developed gastric symptoms.

Condition

Her condition then rapidly deteriorated and she died whilst being reviewed by the critical care outreach team.

Attwaters Jameson Hill, a legal firm with offices in Harlow and Ware, followed up after being approached by Mrs Smith's son.

A spokesman said: "Following her death, the hospital carried out a review and completed a comprehensive Root Cause Analysis Investigation Report, which noted several major issues with her care."

These included: A failure by medical staff to follow the escalation process, the non-responsive ness of the on-call doctor and the failure to follow oxygen prescribing guidelines.

After several months the hospital admitted liability and settled the claim.

Craig Knightley, medical neg

The Princess Alexandra Hospital



ligence solicitor of Attwaters Jameson Hill, who represented Mrs Smith's son, said a proposal by Lord Justice Jackson could change cases like this.

The judge recommended there should be a limit to legal fees where claims for damages are worth less than £25,000.

Mr Knightley said: "We are passionately opposed to the introduction of fixed fees for cases such as this.

"It is so important to bring evi-

dence of poor treatment to light, to enforce better care for the elderly and other vulnerable patients and raise the bar of what is and isn't acceptable."

He added: "Sadly, if Lord Justice Jackson's recommendations are passed, then it will be almost impossible to tackle cases of this nature in the future, they simply will not be viable to investigate, which will lead to injustice and potentially even worse care for some of the most vulnerable

people in society."

A Princess Alexandra Hospital spokesman said: "The trust takes any shortfalls in care seriously and extends their apology to Mrs Smith's family, and acknowledges how difficult and distressing this has been.

Learning

"The trust and clinical team always ensure learning events are put in place to ensure quality and safety improvements are shared

and understood.

"The incident was highlighted and investigated immediately and quality improvements were put in place. In any legal case the time lines for liability are not decided by the trust.

"We are aware of the recommended changes, but we are confident that our high standards of care and commitment to the safety of patients means any mal-treatment would not be tolerated."

Monthly comedy night returns at rugby club

HARLOW Comedy Club will relaunch next month after previous venue The Square shut last year.

Audiences will be treated to a monthly gig at Harlow Rugby Club's new complex in Latton Farm, off Second Avenue.

The first show, since Fourth Avenue venue The Square shut its doors last December, will be on Saturday, September 9, and will star Mitch Benn, Steve Day and Tony Cowards.

Bill

The comedy club will follow this up with a gig on Friday, October 6, for which Keith Carter, Noel James and Diane Spencer are on the bill.

The announcement will also boost Harlow Rugby Club's credentials



Harlow Rugby Club's Latton Farm

after Rams chairman Alan Brooking recently said he hoped the new club house could be a community venue.

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Louise McKinlay

Computer error leads to teachers' salary woe

THOUSANDS of staff members at primary and secondary schools across Essex were not paid on time this month after an Essex County Council computer error, it has been claimed.

The council have launched a full investigation after the "internal process failure" and have written to all of those affected with a full apology.

An anonymous senior teacher said: "This is going to affect thousands of people in the county. Payments will not be paid now until Tuesday.

"It could affect my mortgage payment.

"I am a teacher so we do not make a great living."

The council believes that as many as 20,000 employees may have been affected.

Investigation

Councillor Louise McKinlay, cabinet member for resources, said: "We are extremely sorry that this error happened and we have launched a full investigation to understand why it occurred and ensure it does not happen again.

"We will offer all the help, support and advice we are able to provide to affected schools employees tomorrow and will have a team standing by to deal with calls.

"Because the actual pay date for affected employees is Saturday, August 26, standing orders and direct debits due then should be processed on Tuesday after the bank holiday, but we will be able to advise schools employees with any concerns they may have."



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Foodbank boss says credit delay top cause of hunger

Six to seven weeks for new claim is 'a real challenge' says manager

By William Mata

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A HARLOW Foodbank chief feels the time it takes for Universal Credit (UC) payments to reach claimants is leaving people to go hungry.

But Duncan Craig, the service's satellite centre manager, feels the situation is no worse under the benefit reform than before, despite fears spread in national media.

His comments follow MP Frank Field, chairman of the work and pensions select committee, telling The Independent that six week waiting times associated with UC has left many feeling the pinch.

Mr Craig, 52, said: "There has always been 50 per cent of our referrals relating to benefit related changes.

"I would say the number of referrals are the same as they have been historically.

"It is taking six to seven weeks for the new claim to follow through to payments and it is causing customers a real challenge.

"They are waiting for benefits to come through and they are having to wait for quite a long time.

"I do not know why it takes such a long time.

"It means that our customers are having to come to Foodbank to cover that month."

UC is a single monthly payment for people coming in and out of work. It amalgamates all previous benefits on offer.

Mr Craig continued: "We have not seen a significant increase because of Universal Credit.

"We are having to support people for a longer period.

Credit

"If there is an increased take-up of Universal Credit and it takes six to seven weeks to credit (for money to come in) it could have an impact on Foodbank.

"We will have to serve them before they get the money. The local DWP has been good about how the roll-out has been timed in Harlow."

Earlier this year Harlow Foodbank reported 3,058 people were using the Matching Tie-based service to feed their families, an increase of 11.4 per cent from the year before.

But, despite this, Mr Craig said the service, which is master-minded by the Michael Roberts Charitable Trust, is coping.

"Thankfully in all of the years we have been operating we have been able to keep pace with the demand," he added.

"We are feeding 20,000 people a year. We have never been short of food."

"We provide a range of fresh vegetables and products for children as well."

"We serve people who are not just on benefit claims, sometimes they have come off benefits and they have a job but are having to wait two or three weeks for a salary to come in."

"In that period they have not received any money."

"It does not always cover them even though they are doing



Volunteers work at a foodbank which has seen an 11 per cent rise in residents requesting its services



David Evans shows Edna Stevens around Harlow Foodbank

everything right."

A Department of Work and Pensions spokesman said: "We are committed to helping people improve their lives."

"Universal Credit does that by providing additional tailored support not available under the old benefit system, and under UC people are moving into work faster and staying in work longer than under the previous system."

"Universal Credit is designed to mirror the way most people in work are paid, and the vast majority of claimants are confident in

managing their money. But for those who need extra support, advances are available."

Harlow Foodbank is appealing for churches and schools to support the service through harvest festivals.

They require: Long life milk, long life fruit juice, tea bags, sugar, squashes, tinned meat, coffee, sponge pudding, tinned rice pudding, instant mash potato, chocolate bars, tinned tomatoes and drinking chocolate (water).

■ To find out how to donate, visit: mrct.org.uk/foodbank/how-to-donate-food/

College hails rise in new town apprentices

HARLOW College's assistant principal is proud that a higher proportion of young people are starting apprenticeships in the town than anywhere else in Essex.

Department for Education figures have shown a 14 per cent rise in people taking an apprenticeship in Harlow which is seven times as high as the national average.

In 2015/16, 820 people started a course, up from 720 the year before, which is one of the biggest increases in the country.

Ann King, assistant principal of the Velizy Avenue college, said: "Demand for apprenticeships is strong and we continue to recruit apprentices providing local people with an excellent career opportunity.

"Many young people are also seeing apprenticeships as a real alternative to university, as they get a chance to earn and learn at the same time."

Ahead of Public Health England opening a science campus in the town, Harlow College is keen to expand in developing STEM subjects.

The college recently opened their £11 million Harlow Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Centre.

Ms King added: "Harlow College is committed to delivering high quality apprenticeships."



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Wellwishes start donation campaign launched to help widow pay funeral costs

Friends to raise £2k in Andy's memory

By Piers Meyler
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WELLWISHERS are hoping to raise £2,000 to help pay for the funeral of Andy Watt – the 48-year-old from Harlow who died after being assaulted in a pub in the town.

Mr Watt had only been married to wife Sarah for eight weeks when he sustained a fatal head injury following an incident at the Poplar Kitten pub in Tawneys Road near their home.

Involved

Andrew Watt, of Bush Fair, died on Saturday August 19 after being involved in a fight just after 10.40pm on Thursday, August 17.

Now friends and family would



The Poplar Kitten pub, where the fatal altercation took place

like to help Sarah raise funds to contribute towards the funeral costs and help her start to rebuild her life again through a Just Giving page.

Following his death Sarah spoke publicly about her hus-

band. She said: "Tragically my best friend and gorgeous husband was taken away from me. "We had only been married for

eight weeks. "Our wedding day was the most amazing day of our lives.

"He was the love of my life. "Andy was the most infectious person I have ever known.

"He was loving, caring, funny, and a fantastic friend, brother, nephew and son.

"His friends and family are devastated, as am I.

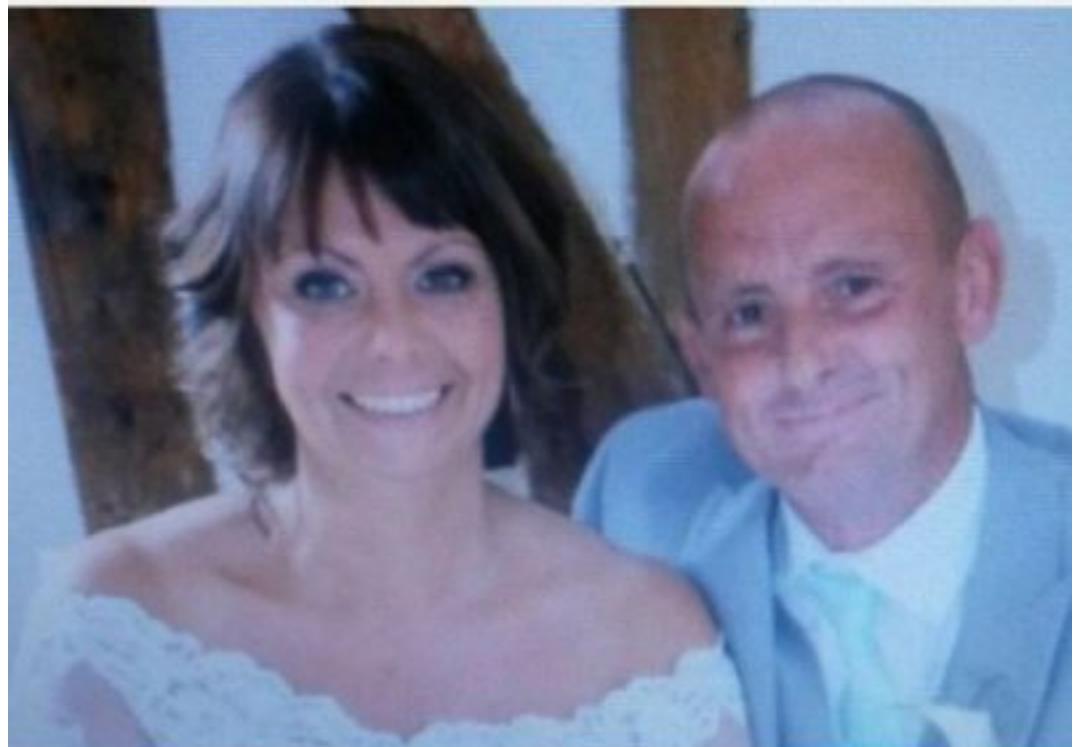
"We are going to miss him dearly.

"He was a popular figure who was loved by all.

"But most of all he was my husband, who I miss more than words can ever say.

"I am absolutely heartbroken. "I wish for privacy at this time so please give me time to grieve."

Two men aged 23 and 26 from Harlow were arrested on suspicion of GBH and released on bail until September 15, pending further enquiries.



Sarah and Andy Watt on their wedding day earlier this year

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From left to right Tony Edwards, Peter Lamb and Lesley Rideout

Other parties reveal candidates looking to win seat from Labour

CONSERVATIVE and Liberal Democrat party candidates have been announced to challenge Labour in a Harlow Council by-election.

A vote will be held on Thursday, September 28, after former cabinet member Councillor Rod Truan announced plans to leave town for a new job in Cornwall.

His Toddbrook seat has traditionally been a Labour stronghold with fellow party members Phil Waite and Karen Clempner currently occupying the other two positions in the ward.

But Mr Truan's most recent re-election in 2014, where he hung on by just 28 votes, will fill rivals with hope of pulling off a victory.

This week former Lib Dem

councillor for Harlow Lesley Rideout announced she will stand while Harlow Conservatives have announced Peter Lamb has been picked to run.

Father-of-two Mr Lamb is a steward of Canons Brook Golf Club and has lived in Harlow for 12 years.

He said: "I am delighted to have been chosen to be the Conservative candidate in the Toddbrook by-election.

"I look forward to meeting as many residents as possible over the coming weeks on the doorstep."

He added: "Harlow has been let down by Labour, who have shown a lack of leadership of this town.

"We have seen ridiculous examples recently of grounds

maintenance with grass growing through benches and jobs half done.

"It's time people sent them a message that this just is not good enough."

The Green Party and Ukip have both also registered an interest in running.

Labour has already announced veteran activist Tony Edwards will contest the seat.

He said: "If elected, I will work closely with councillors Karen Clempner and Phil Waite to secure these for the benefit of the town as a whole, and for the residents of Toddbrook in particular."

A final list of candidates is expected to be provided by Harlow Council after the nomination period closes on Friday, September 1.

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Bereavements

Mary CARROLL
Sadly passed away on the 20th August 2017 aged 96 years.
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Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Great Parndon on Monday 11th September at 11.30am followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium.
Family flowers only please.
Donations if desired in Mary's memory to Save The Children c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons 79-81 South Street, Bishops Stortford CM23 3AL.

Michael Lawrence CLEARY
Sadly passed away on the 17th August 2017, at Princess Alexandra Hospital. A wonderful Husband, devoted Father and Grandfather. He will be greatly missed.
Funeral service will be held at GreenAcres Epping Forest, Kiln Lane, North Weald, CM16 6AD on 8th September 2017, at 11.15am
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Michael Stanley HURRELL
Mick/Mike
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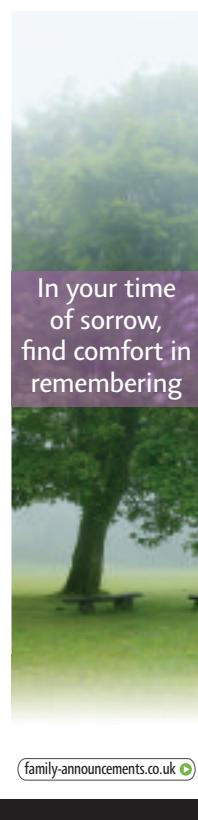
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Terry the T Rex at the shopping centre

Monster fun for kids as dinosaur hits mall

A GIANT but friendly dinosaur pounded around a Harlow shopping mall last weekend in an attention-grabbing event for children.

Shoppers at the Harvey Centre witnessed Terry the T. rex being led around the complex alongside an eccentric professor and witty paleontologist colleague who answered questions from a crowd.

While the 7ft high and 12ft long creature may have

frightened at first glance, his gentle nature and sense of humour quickly won him fans.

Children took part in a free craft workshop and were able to paint and decorate their own ceramic money box to take home.

Bryan Young, centre manager, said: "We were really excited to welcome Terry and friends to the Harvey Centre.

"This was something totally different."



Film lovers enjoy an outdoor screening at The Water Gardens

Shopping centre film festival a blockbuster

FAMILIES were treated to blockbusters at The Water Gardens' first Garden Film Festival earlier this month.

An outdoor screen was erected at the Harlow shopping centre which showed Minions, The Amazing Spider-Man, Finding Nemo, Paddington Bear and Zootropolis to an appreciative crowd.

Helping to keep shoppers cool, Costa offered their summer coolers and Five Guys offered milkshakes, while Nando's offered a takeaway picnic service direct to

customers' deckchairs.

Simon Plumb, new centre manager, said: "I'm so pleased to be given this exciting opportunity to manage the Water Gardens shopping centre. I've got some great ideas for the centre and I'm looking forward to working with our retailers and various town stakeholders.

"The film festival weekend was my first experience of a Water Garden organised event and I was thrilled with the customer response and turnout."



Dani De'ath is running a half-marathon to raise cash for St Clare Hospice

Novice gets on her running shoes to raise hospice cash

ARUNNING novice hopes to complete a half marathon to raise £500 for St Clare Hospice, the charity she works for.

Dani De'ath, 31, community fundraising lead for the

Hastinglewood-based service, will take on the 13.1-mile Royal Parks Half Marathon in October.

St Clare provides specialist palliative care for people with terminal and life-limiting illnesses. It costs more than £4 million a year to keep it going.

Harlow resident Ms De'ath said: "I couldn't have chosen a more challenging event to put myself forward for."

"I am not a seasoned runner, I have only ever run 10k before signing up for the half marathon, and I only have a few more

weeks to train for it.

"But I know I couldn't be doing it for a more worthy cause. I feel like taking part in this tough, personal challenge is my way of really giving something back to the hospice I love."



High abseil in memory of good pal

SIX women tackled the UK's highest freefall abseil in memory of a beloved friend who was supported by St Clare Hospice.

Three of the group are members of Harlow Rugby Club and decided to take on the London Olympic Park Orbit abseil for Helen Wray, who was cared for by the Hastingswood-based charity.

■ The group has raised more than £2,500 and can be sponsored at www.stclarehospice.org.uk/get-involved/challenges

Ali Boggas abseils from the Orbit tower in London

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IT IS no secret that the annual Essex Business Excellence Awards have become a beloved part of the region's business calendar and, such has been the popularity of this year's event, the deadline for nominations has recently been extended.

To ensure that no business misses out on their chance to get involved with the awards, the nomination deadline has been extended to Friday, September 8. This year the categories include:

- Company of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- New Business of the Year

- Business Entrepreneur of the Year
- Leadership Team of the Year
- Not-for-Profit Organisation of the Year
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Charge those glasses – the Essex Business Excellence Awards event is on the way

reception, a three-course meal and entertainment. One business that has recognised the advantages of entering the Essex Business Excellence Awards and have spoken about their award hopes is Blue Serif.

The company, which provides fully integrated creative and digital design services, has entered into three awards – the Small Business of the Year, Creative Communications and Digital Business of the Year and

Business Entrepreneur of the Year. Director Matt Barry said: "Here at Blue Serif, we aim to always be at the forefront of inspiring design."

"We therefore entered the Essex Business Excellence Awards as we loved the idea that they celebrate success and innovation across the county."

"As a Brentwood-based creative agency, entering the Creative Communications and

Digital Business category was an obvious choice. We also entered the Business Entrepreneur and Small Business categories to celebrate our achievements as a small but successful business."

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- Business Entrepreneur of the Year
- Leadership Team of the Year
- Sales and Marketing Award
- Excellence in Innovation & Technology Award

- Retail Business of the Year
- Services Award
- Customer Service Excellence Award
- Creative Communications & Digital Business of the year
- Contribution to the Community Award
- Not - For - Profit Organisation Award



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ALSO OUT THIS WEEK



Danielle Macdonald as Patti Dombrowski

PATTI CAKE\$ (15)

★★★★★

INSPIRED by writer-director Jeremy Jasper's efforts to break into the New York music scene, *Patti Cake\$* is a crowd-pleasing underdog story, which wears its heart on its sleeve.

This modern day fable about shooting for the moon, when everyone is telling you to dream smaller, earned standing ovations when it premiered at the Sundance Film Festival at the beginning of the year.

The film's unlikely heroine - an overweight New Jersey twenty-something with a talent for immortalising her day-to-day existence in snappy verse - is a diamond in the rough, who just needs that one slice of luck to realise her potential.

Every time life beats her down (and in one scene, head-butts her and draws blood), she gets back to her feet and retaliates with a spontaneously crafted barrage of weaponised wordplay.

Jasper penned the songs and he gifts melodic dialogue to a small yet perfectly aligned cast.

This star in the making is Patricia Dombrowski (Danielle Macdonald), who fantasises about public adoration under her rapper moniker Killa-P to rival her gold-toothed hip hop idol, O-Z (Sahr Ngaujah).

Alas, Patricia is stuck in a dead-end job tending the bar where her booze-soaked mother Barb (Bridget Everett) belts out 1980s anthems on the karaoke machine, and locals cruelly taunt her plus-size fabulosity by calling her Dumbo.

ESCAPE

Music is Patricia's escape from crushing reality and she composes tight rhymes with her best friend, Jheri (Siddharth Dhananjay).

Barb's musical ambitions as lead singer of a glam metal band crumbled to dust many years ago.

When she learns that Patricia intends to follow a similar path to stardom, the mother pours scorn on her daughter's intentions.

"You don't have a musical bone in your body and you sure as hell can't sing," sneers Barb.

Undaunted, Patricia forges a creative union with a self-anointed Antichrist called Basterd (Mamoudou Athie) in the hope of finding the perfect beat for her confessional lyrics.

When her fragile dreams are shattered and Patricia turns to her emotional rock, Nana (Cathy Moriarty).

Patti Cake\$ exudes a roughly-hewn charm that extends to the stellar lead performance from up-and-coming Australian actress Macdonald. She is irresistible in the lead role. Every time Patricia doubts her talents, Dhananjay's sidekick is on hand to shake her out of the fug.

Relationships between Patricia and the older women are sensitively sketched.

Hopefulness bumps and grinds with emotional hard knocks, reminding us that darkness courses beneath the surface of the best fairy-tales.



Olivia Cooke stars as Elizabeth Cree and Maria Valverde as Aveline Ortega in gothic Victorian thriller *The Limehouse Golem*. Picture: Nicola Dove

Something wicked

THE LIMEHOUSE GOLEM (15)

★★★★★

During an ominous lull in Juan Carlos Medina's macabre murder mystery set on the fog-choked streets of Victorian London almost a decade before Jack The Ripper ran amok, a stage actor draws parallels between his craft and human nature.

"We all wear pantomime masks, do we not?" he posits.

Those words resonate with a chill throughout *The Limehouse Golem*, a stylish battle of wits between Scotland Yard and a diabolical serial killer, which was originally announced with Alan Rickman leading the fine ensemble cast.

In his stead, Bill Nighy brings solemnity and gravitas to the complex role of a righteous police officer, whose career has been dogged by rumours that "he's not the marrying kind".

It's a measured and moving performance, devoid of the deadpan comic shtick that has elevated Nighy in the nation's affections, and he beautifully conveys his protagonist's inner turmoil, fully aware that he is being set up as a scapegoat if the killer remains at large.

Jane Goldman's script, adapted from Peter Ackroyd's novel *Dan Leno And The Limehouse Golem*, uses cinematic trickery to keep us guessing about the murderer's identity until a big reveal when one person's pantomime mask falls with a delicious and satisfying thud.

A series of slayings in the back alleys of 1880s east London, attributed to an elusive figure nicknamed The Golem, baffles Scotland Yard.

Inspector John Kildare (Nighy) is hurriedly promoted

to lead investigator, primarily to take the fall when police fail to apprehend a suspect.

"The public wants blood, *The Golem* provides it," ruefully notes Kildare to Constable George Flood (Daniel Mays), his sole ally, who is intrigued by scurilous whispers about his superior's sexuality.

As the case gathers pace, evidence focuses attention on four prime suspects: journalist John Cree (Sam Reid), music hall performer Dan Leno (Douglas Booth), novelist George Gissing (Morgan



Bill Nighy stars as Inspector John Kildare and Olivia Cooke as Elizabeth Cree in *The Limehouse Golem*. Picture: Nicola Dove

Watkins) and philosopher Karl Marx (Henry Goodman).

Kildare's gut instinct points to Cree.

He was recently murdered by his wife Elizabeth (Olivia Cooke) and the inspector surmises she glimpsed her husband's dark side and poisoned John to end his reign of terror.

Testimony from the Crees' spiteful maid Aveline (Maria Valverde) condemns Elizabeth to the gallows and Kildare races against time to prove his theory before the noose tightens around the wife's neck.

The *Limehouse Golem* sustains the element of surprise and doesn't stint on blood and gore.

Nighy is imperious as a brilliant yet emotionally guarded man, who hopes the tricky case will reveal a path to personal redemption.

Cooke is luminous and Mays and Booth deliver textured supporting performances.

Period detail is lovingly shrouded in shadows and fog to provide the killer with the perfect cover to commit their unspeakable acts of barbarity.

Something wickedly entertaining this way comes.

SOUND OUT

Cerys is revelling in the Good Life

Want to escape the rat race? Cerys Matthews tells **MARION McMULLEN** how her festival is offering something a little different for music fans from all over the world



Cerys Matthews says she started the Good Life Festival 'so that memories can be made'

ANOTHER new pair of shoes or going on a bumper shopping spree are not top of Cerys Matthews' wish list. "I want experiences and memories," says the former Catatonia singer with a smile. "Value to me is not measured in terms of material wealth, but in experiences."

It's one of the reasons she co-founded The Good Life Experience Festival and the one of a kind event returns next month for its fourth year. "We started it so that memories can be made," explains Cerys, "whether that's climbing a 100-year-old oak tree or discovering a new act."

She laughs: "I like to compare it to the Great British Bake Off mixed with Bear Grylls and The Tube music show from the 1980s."

People in the UK have already had to face many tragedies this year like the terror attacks in London and Manchester and Cerys herself still finds it difficult to talk about the horror of seeing the fire which destroyed Grenfell Tower.

The One Show's roving culture reporter lives near the 24-storey tower block and witnessed the blaze. She told BBC Radio 5 Live later: "When we saw it in the early hours of the morning, the fire caught on the fourth floor. The flames ripped up the side of the building along this cladding."

Memories of the night are still vivid for Cerys and she admits: "I find it hard to talk about. It's tragic and awful and we need to put pressure on MPs for change."

The grim news cycle of 2017 means there's more reason than

ever to spend some quality time with friends and loved ones. The Good Life Experience offers people and families the chance to escape the rat race for a while and festival veteran Cerys says the weekend is now attracting people from all over the world because it is so different.

For a start there is no VIP area and Cerys and celebrity guests like BBC Wildlife presenter Kate Humble, Children's Laureate Michael Rosen and MasterChef winner and Wahaca restaurant founder Thomasina Miers will be happily mingling with festival-goers.

There is also everything from music, literature, craft and design and pit cooking to a vintage 1930s fairground, cider making and even axe-throwing on offer.

"I don't panic about anything ... even the weather," says 48-year-old Cerys. "There's a Norwegian saying 'There's no such thing as bad weather just wrong clothing.'

"I've had a go at the axe-throwing - it's just like throwing darts - and my 13-year-old, who is part of the Snapchat and Instagram generation, said last year it was the best weekend that they'd ever had.

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I've had a go at axe-throwing, it's just like darts

Cerys Matthews wants to encourage families to try something new

"Instead of playing computer games like Minecraft for hours, youngsters can learn something new, achieve something new. They can try archery or bushcraft lessons or make pizzas - there's a freedom for children."

"My own favourite childhood memory is of running around the farm in Wales. It was idyllic, country life. And my first festivals were the Eisteddfod cultural festivals in Wales where there was poetry and dance and music."

All the performers and contributors for the Good Life Experience are handpicked and American news channel CNN recently named it one of the world's 16 best summer festivals to attend in 2017.

Mum-of-three Cerys says presenting her own Sunday music show on BBC Radio 6 Music has also inspired her. It is the most listened to digital-only show in the country and Cerys says: "I get to meet so many interesting people like artist Quentin Blake and writer Michael Morpurgo and musicians who come into the studio. I wanted to offer festival goers the chance to meet wonderful people as well. That's why there's no VIP area. People just hang out."

"We've more than 50 craftmakers this year doing everything from rope-making to pottery. It's a place where you can surround yourself with like-minded people and, if you have not been to a festival before, it's a good place to start. You won't find herds of drunken nutters in a field. It's welcoming and gentle."

The festival was founded by Cerys,

Steven Abbott, arts consultant and manager of Lang Lang and Max Richter and Charlie and Caroline Gladstone, founders of online store Peddlars and co-authors of The Family Guide to the Great Outdoors.

Cerys says: "We had decades of event experience between us, and were huge fans, but were keen to get away from corporate-driven festivals. This event sidesteps the lust for selfies and the smoke and mirrors of celebrity in favour of hands-on experience. As Jimi Hendrix once said: 'When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.'

The Good Life Experience runs from September 15 at the estate of former Prime Minister William Gladstone at Hawarden Estate, Flintshire. Go to thegoodlifeexperience.co.uk for tickets. Adult weekend tickets are £104. Children 11 or under go free.



NADINE SHAH - HOLIDAY DESTINATION

★★★★★

"THE bad guys are winning" declares Nadine Shah on the title track of her third album. The Tyneside-born singer pulls no punches with this rousing, energetic record which covers the refugee crisis, Donald Trump, nationalism, mental health and the Syrian civil war.



A call for arms leads the way on *Holiday Destination* while Yes Men gives Shah's vocals the chance to explore their depth as she offers a blunt take of the mainstream media.

PJ Harvey, Anohni and Warpaint are a few artists who come to mind but comparisons should take a back seat when a record sounds this good.

GORDI - RESERVOIR

★★★★★

RESERVOIR is the debut from 24-year-old Australian medical student Sophie Payten.



She signed 18 months ago to Jag Jaguar, home to the likes of Bon Iver and Angel Olsen, and looks set for success in the vein of her big-name label-mates.

For fans of those artists but also St Vincent and Julia Holter, file cautiously under folktronica but prepare for soaring ambition. Highlights include *All The Light*, a spark of self-assurance that becomes a fireball, the glam stomp of *On My Side*, and the stunning, sparse closer *Something Like This*.

QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE - VILLAINS

★★★★★

QUEENS Of The Stone Age may have lost a bit of their earthy authenticity since the days of Nick Oliveri and that golden run from *Rated R* on but there's absolutely no doubt that Josh Homme still knows how to hook you in.



Indeed, *Villains*, the band's seventh LP, is very much the Homme show - unlike 2013's *Like Clockwork*... there are no special guest cameos and the album really revolves around the frontman's riffery and beguiling melodies.

Lead single *The Way You Used to Do*, which feels surprisingly one-dimensional for a *Queens Of The Stone Age* comeback track.

Though glossier and more lightweight than its predecessors, *Villains* features enough vintage QOTSA moments to keep returning fans satisfied.

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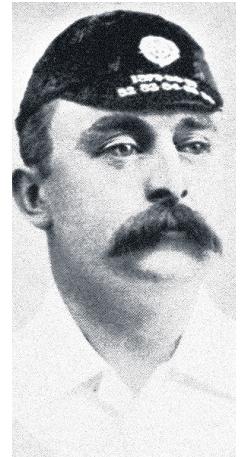
A load of old 'tache

Whether it is handlebar, walrus or chevron, an endless range of moustache styles have fallen in and out of favour over the years. We look back at memorable examples from Salvador Dali to Tom Selleck

STYLE OVER SUBSTANCE

IN THE Fifties moustache inspiration came from across the pond from Hollywood. Big name actors like David Niven, pictured below opted for a clean-cut look, rejecting the over-styling of handlebar moustaches, instead, opting for smaller, perfectly preened looks.

There were the odd exceptions... and few were odder than Spanish surrealist artist Salvador Dali, pictured left.



BUSHY IS BEST

IN THE late 1800s, a big and bushy moustache was seen by Victorians as a symbol of manliness. The trend for walrus moustaches continued into the beginning of the early 1900s.

HELLO TO THE HANDLEBAR

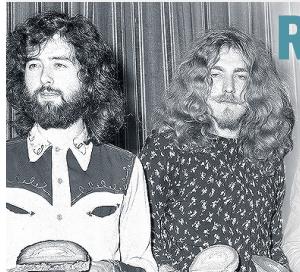
THE trend for bushy moustaches soon died down a bit. Thanks to huge leaps in shaving tools in the 1900s, men were able to style their moustaches with much more ease.

This led to the popularity of lighter styles, such as the iconic handlebar moustache as seen on this chap, right, in 1914.



ROCKING THE FUZZY FACE

IN THE 60s and 70s, young men turned towards more unkempt facial hair, with wilder moustaches often paired with a bushy beard and long hair. Bands like Led Zeppelin, left, mirrored fuzz-toned riffs with fuzzy faces.



MOVEMBER REIGNS

MOUSTACHES have seen a comeback recently, partly thanks to the increasingly popular phenomenon of Movember. Launched in 2003, Movember calls on men to grow a moustache for the month of November and aims to raise money for a range of men's health issues, including prostate and testicular cancer. Comedian, actor and director Ben Miller, right, is among the celebs who have ditched their razors to help out this worthy cause.



1800s

1900
- 1949

1950s

1960s

1980s

2000s

MAGNUM FORCE



NO homage to the moustache would be complete without a mention of the chevron, and the person who made it famous: Tom Selleck (top). A neat but not overly fussy moustache, the chevron was at its most popular in the 1970s and 80s, helped by the fact that it was a relatively easy to grow. Other fans of the chevron included Queen singer Freddie Mercury, left.

SPORTING A MOUSTACHE



AS the 20th century wore on, moustaches fell out of fashion. But one particular group stayed loyal to the 'tache... sportsmen. Footballers like Liverpool and Scotland star Graeme Souness, left, and cricketers like Aussie strike bowler Merv Hughes, right, flew the flag for face fuzz.



PAST TIMES

As Mr Benn turns 50, **KATE WHITING** discovers some little known facts about the costume-loving animated adventurer

CHILDREN of the Seventies and Eighties will remember the plinky plonky music and turning wheel of costumes that marked the start of Mr Benn, arguably one of the gentlest but most extraordinary children's cartoons ever created.

"It was Saturday morning in Festive Road, coal was being delivered and boys were playing with wooden swords, everything was very ordinary. This is an ordinary street..." intones narrator Ray Brooks at the opening of the first episode, Red Knight.

But what happens next is not ordinary at all, as Mr Benn, invited to a fancy dress party, goes in search of a suitable costume. In a back street, he finds a fancy dress shop, where "as if by magic, the shopkeeper appeared" and allows him to try on a red suit of armour.

Over the course of 13 episodes, originally shown in 1971 and 1972, and then repeated a staggering 42 times over the next 21 years, Mr Benn revisits the shop and has adventures that fit whichever costume he's trying on, from flying into space, to taming a pirate.

The original Red Knight, in which Mr Benn defends a dragon, was not a cartoon at all, but a story book that children's author and illustrator David McKee wrote in 1967. It captured imaginations at the BBC, who approached David to make a series for Watch With Mother.

As Mr Benn celebrates his 50th anniversary, 82-year-old David reveals some of the inspirations behind the character – and discusses the next big (Hollywood) adventure.

The character of Mr Benn was partly inspired by Laurel and Hardy and Charlie Chaplin

"I TRIED to base him on being a nobody in a way, but the people that I've loved over the years, like Laurel and Hardy and Charlie Chaplin and others, they've had that same dark suits and bowler hats look," says David. "When I was in the cubs, in fact, I was in a play and I had to be a detective and wear a bowler hat in that, so bowler hats have been there for quite a long time I think."



Mr Benn

The shopkeeper's Fez was based on one of David's hats

"I HAVE quite a few hats and somebody gave me a Fez at one time and I just thought, 'I have to use this! Somebody has to wear this', and of course, when the shopkeeper came out, there he was with a Fez."



Mr Benn takes a look at the many costumes that The Shopkeeper has on offer



Mr Benn becomes a caveman, above, and a knight, right, in the stories created by author and illustrator David McKee, top



Suddenly, as if by magic, a children's favourite appeared

The fancy dress shop was based on an antiques shop in Devon

"IT was a mix of antiques and second hand stuff in a back street in

Plymouth, where nothing ever seemed to change and the guy obviously wasn't interested in selling anything, so something else was going on I always thought. But [the shop] grew out of various things, it's difficult to say exactly where it came from."

A Mr Benn film and an opera are in the works

"THE libretto [for the opera] is written and the Welsh National Opera did a production of the first part of it. That would be really exciting, because everybody has films, but to have an opera that's a bit special.

"The film is quite advanced, it's more than talk, they've actually got a script which people like and we're waiting on a day-to-day basis to find out if it's likely to go ahead, but it will go ahead with

somebody, I think," says David, adding that Jack Lemmon would have been perfect for the part of Mr Benn – or Johnny Depp.

"I'm not involved at all with it. It's like your children; you have to let them grow up, watch what they do, they can make mistakes, you try to guide them.

Festive Road was named after the London street David lived on

"IN reality it's Festing Road [in Putney], and I changed it to Festive because Festing doesn't sound too good!" he says, adding that in real life, he and his family lived at number 54, next to Mr Benn at number 52.

"I have three children and the youngest is 52, so the first book would have come out when he was about two. I've drawn them in that first book and I'm looking out of the window.

"The residents wanted to change the name of the road to Festive, but that was too complicated. But there's a walk unnamed at the bottom of Festing Road, and they've now

named that Festive Walk, which is amazing."

David is also famous for the Elmer books, Not Now Bernard and King Rollo

"IT'S about this time of year I finish another picture book – I'm very busy working on Elmer at the moment – I do about one a year, so this one will be for next year some time.

"Any time I can get to the table to draw or get to the easel to paint, I do. But everybody's lives, especially as you get older, seem to get blocked up by so many things, like family things or VAT, odd stuff, or getting the plumber in because something's gone wrong in the bathroom."

David had no previous experience in children's TV

"IT was much simpler back then, I was given a free hand by the BBC, I'd never made films before and they said, 'How will you make them?' And I said, 'Well I'll ask somebody.' I had a rough idea about how the films could work and not too much animation

because the budget was very limited.

"I did the detailed drawings, which we did a lot of camera movement on, but it was much more homemade.

"Television was different, there were very few channels at that time.

"My parents didn't have television. About the time Mr Benn was due to come out, they would go into a local television shop and ask them to put the television on to BBC so they could watch it."

There's a little bit of Mr Benn in David

"THERE must be I guess because all art they say is self-portraiture... Certainly in the philosophy, I suppose, because he's not really a superhero or anything, he's more of a catalyst, or he suggests things and just says, 'Why don't you do this?' – he's a very quiet kind of hero."

■ **FIFTY Years of Mr Benn with David McKee** is at the Illustrationcupboard Gallery in London until September 16. Visit illustrationcupboard.com



With Justin Connolly

With its previous handset now consigned to the dustbin of history, Samsung comes up trumps

LET'S forget all about the Samsung Galaxy Note7, shall we?

Let's not mention that Samsung had to recall it and eventually abandon it altogether after it was revealed to have a tendency to catch fire.

We don't need to go over all that again, and I'm sure Samsung will thank us for not mentioning it.

Let's talk about the Samsung Galaxy Note8, instead – an over-sized phone that you will soon be able to buy, and will, Samsung assures us, most definitely, not explode.

We know this because of the video on Samsung's website in which an earnest man explains how safe the Galaxy Note8's battery is. "The Galaxy Note8's battery has undergone Samsung's 8-Point Battery Safety Check—the most rigorous in the industry," says the site – we'll give them the benefit of the doubt.

Anyway, now that's out of the way, what about the device itself? What does it look like, and what can it do?

The most obvious thing to say about it, is that it looks very much like a big version of Samsung's Galaxy S8 smartphone. That is, it adopts the attractive and useful full-face screen which wraps slightly round its edges. Samsung calls this an "infinity display".

And the display is the Note8's big selling point – it's a huge screen at 6.3 inches, which makes it too big to be a phone, but too small to be a tablet (but no, let's not call it a "phablet"... ugh.).

The Note8 is one on its own and really hits something of a sweet spot for those people who want both a phone and a tablet, but only want one device.

It can work as both, thanks largely to the inclusion of the stylus, the S Pen. Its tip is obviously smaller than a finger, meaning writing and drawing are much more manageable on a smaller screen.

By and large the bigger screen and the stylus, which has a handy storage slot within the Note8, are the things that set it apart from the smaller mobiles, and it is every bit as competent a device as they are.

It boasts two 12MP cameras on the back with optical image stabilisation – one wide and one telephoto.

It pulls off a few fancy tricks, like being able to adjust the depth of field for a nice blurred background on portraits, or being able to capture two images with both



The new Galaxy Note8 combines the best of phones and tablets so you only need carry one device for work or leisure, and it also has wireless charging, left

lenses at the same time so you can have a wide view and a close-up.

It has the same waterproof and dustproof capabilities as its sibling phones, Samsung says you can 'take it almost anywhere', and you can even write on the screen with the S Pen when it's wet.

Samsung says the wireless charging that it's been shipping for a couple of years has also been improved for the Note8, making it

fast and convenient.

There's also some nifty facial recognition, iris and fingerprint scanning options for unlocking the phone, and the ability to upgrade storage to a 256GB max via an SD card slot.

Finally, there's the Samsung DeX technology, which basically allows you to attach the phone to a proper monitor and use it like a real computer, and the inclusion of

Samsung's home-grown Bixby personal assistant – a rival to Amazon's Alexa and Apple's Siri.

The Note8 looks a splendid device – the screen size won't be for everyone, but those who do like something in between a phone and a tablet should not be disappointed.

■ The Samsung Galaxy Note8 will cost £869 and will ship in mid September. You can order now at samsung.com/uk

APP OF THE WEEK

LUCKY TRIP (iOS, FREE)



DO you feel lucky? And do you need some holiday inspiration? Good. Because LuckyTrip is an app that's designed to bring those two things together.

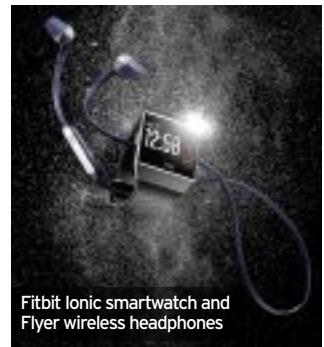
Essentially you tell the app what your home airport is, and what kind of trip you'd like (options like Adventure, Love, Foodie, and Chill are suitably

vague so as not to spoil the surprise), and what your budget is.

Lucky Trip will come up with somewhere to stay, a flight to get you there, and something to do while you're there in line with the theme selected.

You can book within the app or

amend it as you see fit. But if you like taking off without much thought (and can't stand the idea of trawling through booking.com and Skyscanner, the partner services that make LuckyTrip work) this might just be your lucky day.



Fitbit Ionic smartwatch and Flyer wireless headphones

FITBIT has finally revealed its hand in the game of smartwatch bingo that Apple and Google have been playing for a few years now.

The top-of-the-line Fitbit Ionic is a true smartwatch, unlike its predecessor the Blaze, as it can run third-party apps.

At launch, some time towards the end of September, Fitbit hopes to have apps from the likes of Strava and Starbucks ready to go.

Given that it is so late to the dance, Fitbit has pulled out all the stops to try to claim some kind, any kind, of advantage over the watches already out there.

The headline-grabbing feature is battery life.

Despite having a heart-rate sensor, built in GPS, and, of course, bluetooth, Fitbit claims the Ionic's battery will last four days – a lot more than the Apple Watch or any Android Wear device can manage.

It'll even run for 10 hours with the GPS running, says Fitbit.

The Ionic's looks are somewhat functional, and is made of lightweight aluminum and scratch-proof Gorilla glass. The super bright screen can be seen in direct sunlight.

Fitbit's undoubted pedigree for fitness-tracking wearables will count for something.

Another big difference is the fact there's 2.5GB of storage built into the device, which means it can store around 300 songs – more than enough for anyone's workout.

The Ionic runs a new Fitbit OS, which the company says will underpin all its wearable effort for the foreseeable future.

Fitbit has big plans to bring much more feature-rich content to the watch, including a lot more guided workouts.

At £299 it costs more than a Series 1 Apple Watch, so it needs to be good.

Fitbit has also launched a pair of wireless earbuds to go with the Ionic – called Fitbit Flyer they cost £109 and claim to offer 'premium' sound.

■ You can find out more about Ionic at fitbit.com/uk

SPOTLIGHT



Tango Moderno will be the last theatre tour for Flavia Cacace and Vincent Simone

Flavia Cacace met her husband Jimi Mistry on Strictly Come Dancing and tells **MARION McMULLEN** they are now gym buddies too

Does your husband, actor Jimi Mistry, share your love of exercise?
(LAUGHS) He loves exercise and he's always in the gym. We have a gym at our house, we are very lucky, so there is nothing to stop us. Jimi is really into his gym workouts and it's right there for us, so there is no excuse whatsoever.

What does your fitness routine involve?
EVEN when I am not dancing, I go to the gym and take my dogs for long walks, like two or three hours a day.

I like to keep active and fit and I do weights and exercise, but nothing compares to the physicality of dance. It's such a great exercise performing and it's very difficult to replicate that. I've been using those muscles again in rehearsals for the new tour (chuckles). We're in a world of pain, basically.

You famously partnered celebrities such as astrologer Russell Grant during your time on Strictly Come Dancing. Did you have any idea how big the dance show would become?

NOT really. It seems like a lifetime ago now. When we joined the show it was still relatively unknown and the size of it, well I don't think anyone, the dancers and the producers, were aware of how big it would become.

I wasn't aware of it until it happened and even then we were so engrossed in choreographing and rehearsing for the show that we were totally oblivious to it.

Now it's a different thing and

everybody knows if you perform on that show people are going to know who you are. I suppose when we started we were all a little naive.

Do you have time to watch Strictly these days?

IT'S difficult while on tour. You always hear from someone though about what is happening, but I don't sit and watch religiously.

The Last Tango tour in 2016 with your dance partner Vincent Simone was planned to be your farewell tour. What changed your mind?

(LAUGHS) We say this is going to be the last tour every year. It's such hard work putting these shows together and we've done three tours now, which means six months touring at a time.

Tango Moderno is going to be the last theatre tour. In January we met with our producer and we knew we were going to have six months off first and mentally we knew we were

I don't think any of us were aware of just how **big** Strictly would become



Flavia and husband Jimi Mistry

probably going to be feeling pretty good. We were quite tired after the last West End run and we thought this would be very different, more minimal (laughs). But the show has evolved.

How did you and Vincent first meet?

WE met when we were teenagers. I must have been about 16 and he was 17, something along those lines. We were very young.

It's quite mad really, your life changes so much, but we have been dancing together now for 22 years.

We are both originally from Italy and there was a form of contact there from the start just with the language. The dancing has kept our friendship going. We love dance and we love what we do.

Does it get any easier for you both putting together a new show?

IT is a mental challenge after so many years of choreographing and putting routines together.

We have done so many dance steps together after 22 years and there is not all that much that we

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The dancing has kept our friendship going. We love dance and we love what we do.

Flavia has been dancing with Vincent Simone for 22 years

haven't done, but we still have that sense of creativity. Physically it's just wear and tear on your feet and back and muscles. You feel it a little bit more. It's a challenge.

Was it a highlight winning the Strictly Glitterball trophy with gymnast Louis Smith before you left?

VINCE and I felt that was the right time for us to move on and do other things.

We both made it to the final that year and I was lucky to take the Glitterball. It was the cherry on the cake really to leave and have that positive memory, but definitely for us it was the right time to go.

Any plans for after the tour?

WE are looking at other dance projects, but it might take some time to get them up and running.

We're looking at a potential dance film and various other ideas, but it's hard to do anything at the moment when we are so busy with the tour.

What about your new skill as a dog groomer?

(Laughs) I had a six-month break from touring and I fancied trying my hand at something new, something I knew would challenge me.

I have two dogs of my own at home and I am involved with a dog charity so it made sense.

I was going to do a course, but then decided to do the City & Guilds exam. It was quite challenging, quite hard work, but I had a great time and I can keep practising on my two cockapoos and the dogs at the charity.

It's something I find really enjoyable and completely different to everything else I do.

THE UK tour of Tango Moderno begins on September 7. Go to tangomoderno.com for details.



■ THE untold story of Princess Diana, Freddie Mercury and Kenny Everett's secret night out at a gay pub is at the heart of new cabaret musical Royal Vauxhall.

The trio's wild night is reported to have happened in 1988 when Princess Diana dressed in drag to escape palace life.



Carrie Marx, Joe Morrow and MC Desmond O'Connor, pictured, star in the show which commemorates the 20th anniversary of Princess Diana's death. See royalvauxhall.co.uk for details.

■ BRONTÉ Barbé, pictured, is to star as American songwriter Carole King in the UK and Ireland tour of *Beautiful*

- The Carole King Musical. Bronté was a finalist in BBC television series *Over The Rainbow* and recently appeared as



Princess Fiona in the UK tour of *Shrek - The Musical*.

Award-winning show *Beautiful* tells the true story of the woman behind classic songs like *The Locomotion*, *You've Got A Friend* and *Up On The Roof*.

The show tours until next June. Go to beautifulmusical.co.uk/tour for details.

■ ANDREW Lloyd Webber's hit musical *Tell Me On A Sunday* is to undergo a Chinese makeover as part of a new deal which will expand his musical empire to the country.

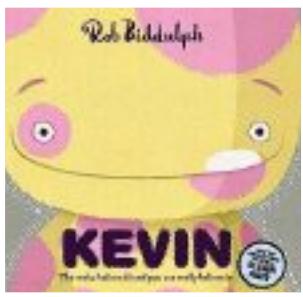


The Chinese language version of the show will tour China next year and is part of a deal with the Shanghai Media Group Live.

Lord Lloyd Webber, pictured, said: "Our ambition is that Chinese audiences should enjoy musical theatre productions every bit the equal in scale and quality to those in North America or Europe."

FAMILY MATTERS

CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF THE WEEK



KEVIN Rob Biddulph, HarperCollins, £12.99
WHEN Sid Gibbons gets brought to task by his mum for his naughty deeds, he invents an invisible friend, Kevin, to take the blame.

Later that night, a strange light fills Sid's bedroom and he is transported to a wonderous new world of make-believe where he comes face to face with his fluffy monster Kevin and a host of other invisible friends.

Lots of colourful illustrations and clever rhyming text bring this imaginative tale to life, teaching youngsters that owning up is the best thing to do when things go wrong. The most requested bedtime book in our house so far this year!

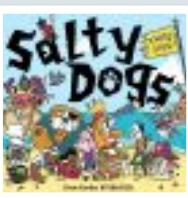
SALTY DOGS

Matty Long, Oxford University Press, £6.99
THE Salty Dogs are on a quest to recover their treasure, but first they must battle the notorious Sea Monkeys. Can pink poodle Captain Fifi and her band of pug-nacious pirates triumph?

It appears all is lost when their ship is sunk, but the pups have the last laugh when the treasure chest is finally opened...

Each page of this comical, offbeat tale of piracy and plunder is packed with visual jokes so there is plenty to keep youngsters amused.

Reviews by Daisy Fox



YOUR children probably enjoy listening to bedtime stories but what about writing their own?

Leading direct book-seller Book People is inviting youngsters between the ages of 5-11 to create a picture book on the theme of friendship. The winning author will then have the chance to work with leading children's illustrator, Alison Brown, to have their book brought to life and published by Little Tiger Press.

The competition is open for entries now and the closing date is October 2. Here head judge Claudia Winkleman explains how she got involved and talks about her and her family's reading habits:

How did you get involved as head judge for the Book People's Bedtime Story Competition?

I WAS approached by Book People who told me all about the fantastic competition and the success they had last year with Isabel Harris' fabulous book, The Moon Man, which I then read and absolutely fell in love with.

From then on I was really keen to get involved to help encourage more children to use their imagination and creativity to write their own bedtime stories.

What was your favourite book as a child?

MY favourite book was The Lorax (Dr Seuss), just the rhyming, it's just excellent fun and they are beautiful. We could all learn quite a lot from The Lorax.

What was your favourite bedtime story book when you were little?

I REALLY loved Beatrix Potter. I was slightly obsessed by Jeremy Fisher just because of his waistcoat and I liked Peter Rabbit.

I also really loved a book about a squirrel who sneaked out a lot, I think it was called Bob Bushtail's Adventure. That was my go to book. I also had another book that I think was written by a Dutch author and involved a cow who had ribbons in her hair, I liked that book. The book that turned me totally onto books was Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

I'd have been best friends with Matilda

ROALD DAHL FAN AND TV PRESENTER CLAUDIA WINKLEMAN IS ON A QUEST TO FIND THE BEST YOUNG STORY WRITERS

What were you like at school?

I WENT through a slightly naughty phase but I'd like to think that that lasted for about two days.

I was quite studious, my mum and dad liked us to work quite hard so I think I was probably a bit of a swot.

What was your favourite subject at school?

MY favourite subject was definitely, definitely history of art



Beatrix Potter

which I started learning at age 16.

I also loved classical civilisation but I was slightly obsessed by neoclassical architecture and columns and I once did an essay about 5000 words worth just on the Doric column, which was my favourite. We had the most brilliant history of art teacher who just introduced us to Titian and Rembrandt and Jura and everyone in the class

became obsessed because she is the best in the world, she is called Mrs Dale.

What are your kids' reading?

MY kids are reading but only when I take their tech away.

My eldest son likes crime, he loves Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie. Anything that has got an 'ooooo' at the end. My daughter is really good at reading generally. And my youngest son likes Mr Men, Dr Seuss and The Gruffalo (Julia Donaldson) books, anything written by that amazing woman.

PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK

EVERYONE loves unicorns don't they? And stores are over-run with fantasy animals to accompany your little ones back to school.



Mistakes will vanish with these 3D unicorn erasers, £3, Accessorize, while this unicorn stationery set contains two pencils, a pencil sharpener, eraser and safety scissors, £3, Peacocks. And make it a magical lunchtime with this Rachel Ellen unicorn mini carry case, £7.50, John Lewis.

Who is more anxious about the first day at school, you or your

Starting school should be a happy experience



THE first day at school is a milestone in your child's life, but it can be daunting for children as well as parents.

As well as a learning a new routine, it's probably the first time children will spend a long time away from parents.

A little preparation could make it easier for you both to cope.

PREPARING THEM FOR SCHOOL...

Let them know what to expect: Introduce your child to the idea of full-time school in advance, perhaps by reading them books about what they can expect from their first day.

Alternatively, CBeebies online

documentary series Time for School helps little ones to capture "the excitement of school adventures". There are 14 episodes, all told from a child's perspective.

Talk to them about school rules:

Some children might get confused or feel overwhelmed, so make them aware of what kinds of rules they should expect - for example, what it means when the school bell rings or why they should line up when the teachers ask them to.

Parenting website mumsnet.com says: "Reassure them and tell them to keep an eye on what

the kids around them are doing." Similarly, make your child aware that their daily routine will be changing.

If your child has been to nursery - and they are used to you picking them up at lunch time - talk to them about how this will change.

Helping with first-day anxiety: As the first day gets closer it is only natural that your child might feel anxious or nervous. Some schools have a 'settling in system' to help starters ease in to their new environment. Ring ahead to see if the school has a programme in place.



What are your kids' favourite bedtime stories?

THE three of them have had different favourites. The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child were always major favourites though.

Plus the Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. The small one would say that Green Eggs and Ham is his all time favourite.

Do your children read in bed?

BED, the sofa, while I'm making breakfast. If they love a book then they'll read anywhere.

If they're not hooked in it's harder to

child? Here's how to cope...

THE FIRST DAY AND WHAT COMES NEXT...

Separation anxiety: If you make a plan in advance then the tearful goodbye at the classroom door might be a little less traumatic - for both of you.

According to parents.com the following tips can be effective:

- Show them you trust the teacher - form an initial relationship in front of your child and let them see you trust this new person.
- Say goodbye properly - resist the urge to sneak out of the classroom in the hope your child won't notice.
- Say goodbye and leave - avoid hanging around, but reassure them you will be picking them up later on.

By Nisha Mal

Home time:

WHEN it's time to pick them up make sure you arrive early so they aren't the last child waiting to be collected.

According to mumsnet.com children are normally pretty hungry once the bell rings, so take them a snack and a drink that they can have on their way home.

When you've arrived home, let your child have a little rest and a snuggle with you. Mumsnet.com says: "If ever quality time was needed, it's now. You can ask them what happened at school but be prepared to hear "nothing". Try not to interrogate them.

By Nisha Mal

THREE OF THE BEST... BACK TO SCHOOL BAGS



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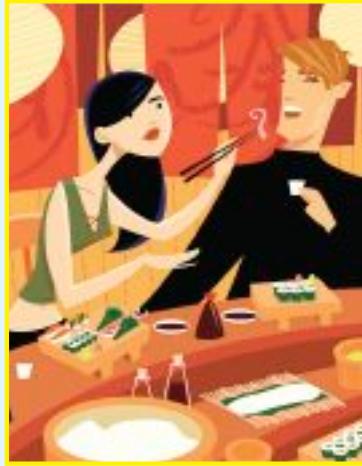


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KIDS' PUZZLES!

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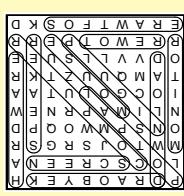
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FOOD & DRINK



STEW BEAUTY

VENISON SAUSAGE
STEW
(SERVES 4)

"TO MY mind, this is a perfect mid-week supper, so when you have a bit of spare time, make and freeze a batch, ready for a rainy day," says Tom.

INGREDIENTS

Olive oil; 8 venison sausages; 50g smoked lardons; 200g celeriac, peeled and chopped; 100g leeks, trimmed, chopped and rinsed; 2 carrots, peeled and chopped; 2 celery sticks, chopped; 1 onion, chopped; 1tbsp tomato purée; 30g plain flour; 250ml full-bodied red wine; 5 juniper berries, crushed; 250ml beef stock; 1 bouquet garni; 2 green apples; 200g cooked chestnuts, halved; hot tagliatelle to serve (optional); sea salt and freshly cracked black pepper

METHOD

1. Heat a flameproof casserole over a medium-high heat, then add a good splash of oil. When hot, add sausages and stir for three minutes, or until they are well coloured all over, then remove and set aside.
2. Add a splash more oil to the casserole, if necessary, then add the lardons and sauté until
3. Add the wine and juniper berries, stirring to deglaze the pan, and boil until the wine reduces by half. Add the stock and bouquet garni, then return the sausages and any cooking juices to the casserole. Cover and leave to simmer over a medium heat for 20 minutes, or until all the vegetables are tender and flavours blended.
4. Halve, core and chop the apples.
5. Adjust seasoning, if necessary, then stir in chestnuts and apples and warm through.
6. Serve with fresh tagliatelle flavoured with freshly cracked black pepper.

they have rendered their fat and are well coloured. Add celeriac, leeks, carrots, celery, onion and tomato purée, and continue sautéing for one to two minutes. Sprinkle in the flour and stir for a minute to cook out the raw flavour.

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Tom in a picture from his new book, *Meat & Game*

I MAKE no apology for talking about fizz this week. I know, there isn't any particular reason to celebrate, but if you can't enjoy a glass of fizz now and again then life would be a bit dull.

My favourite wine of the summer has been Lid's **Crémant de Bourgogne** (£7.99) which has picked up a few awards and lots of popular praise. Sadly it won't be on the shelves after September as new seasonal wines will take its place, but I'll be buying a few bottles before then!

I love crémant, which is a French sparkling wine made in the same traditional way as champagne; so you can sip a



RAISE A GLASS

WITH JANE CLARE



wonderful complex fizz but not at champagne prices. If you don't know what I mean by "traditional" then this is what happens.

A base wine is made from the chosen grapes, then the wine is added to a bottle with yeast and sugar where a second fermentation takes place.

Carbon dioxide is produced by this fermentation, producing the bubbles we all love. The longer the yeast is left in contact with the wine after fermentation, the more complex flavours become.

Crémant appears in various guises including Crémant de Loire, Crémant de Bourgogne, Crémant de Limoux and Crémant de Bordeaux.

There's a good selection of crémant wines in UK stores, but so many people I've spoken to just aren't aware of them.

Here's a handful to seek out.

LaCheteau Crémant de Loire Rosé (£14.99, Ocado, 12% abv) is a fizz delight with raspberry and red fruit aromas and flavours. It is made from cabernet franc grapes sourced from Anjou and Touraine in the Loire Valley. It's lovely and dry too.

Staying in Ocado, **Arthur Metz**



Crémant d'Alsace (£14.99, 12% abv) is created from pinot blanc grapes and delivers a flurry of fine bubbles with notes of fresh apples and pears and dried, crisp apples with fruity intensity.

Exquisite Crémant du Jura (£7.99, Aldi, 12% abv) is a stalwart buy of mine. Made entirely from chardonnay, it has a good crispness of green apples with a steady flow of bubbles.

■ I'LL move away from crémant and suggest a couple of extra ways to put bubbles in your life.

Pata Negra Vintage Cava (Aldi, 11.5% abv) is one of 24 wines newly arrived in Aldi and, just like crémant, cava is made in the traditional way.



This wine's translation means 'the best of the best' and at £6.99 you can't complain. It has notes of butter, honey, squidgy apples and has a creamy mouthfeel.

Finally, it was apt that I shared a couple of glasses of **G.H. MUMM Le Rosé Champagne (RRP £45, widely available, 12% abv)** with my daughter.

It's not often we share mummy time as we live so far apart and this champagne was a spot-on way to celebrate. Vanilla, red fruits, a subtlety of bramble fruits and a hint of toast combine in this elegant champagne blend of pinot noir (60%) chardonnay and pinot meunier.

Have a fizztastic week.

■ jane@onefootinthegrapes.co.uk

Back in the game

TOM KITCHIN TELLS KATE WHITING WHY WE SHOULD EAT MORE GAME AND REVEALS HIS SECRETS TO BECOMING A STAR CHEF



to reclaim it as meat for everyone. He's pleased that game is starting to be recognised as a healthier meat alternative too.

"People are starting to understand that eating venison is accessible, it's so lean, it's so tasty, it's not too expensive... It's about getting out there and getting it."

Tom has four boys, Kasper, nine, Axel, seven, and identical twins Lachlan and Logan, who've just turned four, with his Swedish wife Michaela, who is also his business partner.

"They're real foodies. They've been brought up in the restaurant, especially the first one - my wife was answering the phone and taking bookings rocking the Maxi-Cosi (car seat) at her feet. That's the way it was back then."

He takes the boys foraging and says: "I love to get the kids to understand that when something comes into season, that's when

we're going to eat it.

"So when it's the start of the asparagus season, 'Right guys, come on, we're going to have asparagus tonight,' or the first strawberries. They understand seasonality a little bit."

Tom admits balancing work and home life is a "juggling act", but says his secret is not living in London.

"I lived in London for many years, I see my friends who live there and think to myself, 'No thanks! I'm really happy here in Edinburgh, it's like a manageable-size city.'

There's no "crazy romantic story" to how Tom became a chef - he got a job washing dishes in a local pub at 14 for pocket money and "just loved the adrenaline of the kitchen".

"I didn't really like school, I wasn't very

good at it, so I wanted out as quickly as possible," he says.

"Back then, cooking wasn't rock and roll like it is now, like when you said to your mum and dad you want to leave school at 16 and be a chef, it really wasn't what they were planning I guess. I'm just amazed that they supported me."

"I met really good people, but I worked incredibly hard, I don't know where I got this gritty determination to keep going... I just wanted to work for the best chefs in the world, which obviously was quite gruelling, but I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today if it wasn't for that."

■ Tom Kitchin's *Meat & Game*, left, by Tom Kitchin, photography by Marc Millar, is published in hardback by Absolute Press, priced £26.



Chef Tom Kitchin

"THIS open partridge toastie is my way to take the toastie experience to a whole new level," says Tom.

"I love to serve it with an onion compote, which brings a lovely natural sweetness to the dish."

INGREDIENTS

4 partridge breasts, skinned; olive oil; butter for spreading; 4 sourdough bread slices; 2 hard-boiled free-range eggs, sliced; 8 pancetta rashers, cooked until crispy; watercress sprigs; 4 slices cheddar cheese - Tom's cheese of choice comes from the Isle of Mull, but any strong cheddar would do; sea salt and freshly cracked black pepper
For the onion compote:
50g butter; olive oil; 2 white onions, sliced; 1 garlic clove, finely chopped; 2tsp thyme leaves

METHOD

1. Heat a well-seasoned sauté or frying pan with a lid over a medium-high heat, then add the butter with a splash of oil. When the butter is foaming, add the onions,



TOAST MASTER

OPEN PARTRIDGE AND PANCAETTA TOASTIES WITH ONION COMPOTE (SERVES 4)

garlic and thyme and season.
2. Cover with a wet piece of greaseproof paper, put the lid on, turn heat to very low and leave the onions to sweat for 20-25 minutes until very tender. Transfer to a plate and set aside to cool.
3. The onion compote is ready to use as soon as it is made, or it can be stored in a covered container in the fridge for up to three days.
4. Preheat the grill to high.
5. Meanwhile, place a partridge breast between two sheets of clingfilm and use a meat mallet or rolling pin to lightly bash until flattened.
6. Repeat with the remaining breasts, pat dry and season.
7. Heat a well-seasoned

sauté or frying pan over a medium-high heat, then add a splash of oil. When it's hot, add the breasts and sear for two to three minutes on each side until cooked through, then set aside to rest for five minutes covered with kitchen foil. Fry the breasts in batches, if necessary.
8. Toast the sourdough slices on both sides under the grill, then lightly butter each. Do not turn off the grill.
9. Spread onion compote on the toast and add the egg slices. Top with the partridge, crispy pancetta, watercress and finally the cheese.
10. Place under the grill until the cheese melts, then lightly season.

"THIS is a Kitchin family movie supper classic - something fun to eat while we all settle down in front of the screen," says Tom.

INGREDIENTS

4 free-range chicken breast fillets, each cut into 5 strips; 100g Cajun spice mix; olive oil; sea salt
For the avocado and pea guacamole:

200g frozen peas; olive oil; finely grated zest and juice of 1 lime; 3 ripe avocados; 2 small green chillies, deseeded and finely chopped; 2 spring onions, finely chopped
For the tomato salsa:

200g cherry tomatoes, chopped; ½ green chilli, deseeded and chopped; 1tbsp finely chopped shallot

To serve:

1 Baby Gem lettuce, shredded; 100g creme fraiche; 12 small taco shells; sunflower seeds

METHOD

1. Place the chicken strips in a bowl, add spice mix to taste and a splash of olive oil. Season lightly with salt, then set aside for 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, make the guacamole. Bring a saucepan



TACO TIME

BLACKENED CHICKEN TACOS (MAKES 12)

of lightly salted water to the boil and set a bowl of iced water in the sink. Add the peas to the boiling water and blanch for three to five minutes until tender. Drain, then tip into the iced water.
3. Drain again and in a blender or food processor add about two tablespoons of oil, the lime zest and juice and a splash of water. Season with salt and blend to make a chunky purée. Set aside.
4. Halve the avocados, remove stones and peel. Put the flesh in a bowl and mash with a fork. Add the pea purée, chillies and spring onions, and season with salt. Cover with clingfilm and chill for up to two hours.
5. To make the tomato salsa, put all the ingredients in a bowl and season with salt

and pepper. Set aside.
6. Heat a large well-seasoned sauté or frying pan over a medium-high heat, then brush the surface with oil.
7. When hot, add as many chicken strips as will fit without over-crowding and fry, turning once, for four minutes, until they are cooked through and tender.
8. Cook in batches, adding a little extra oil, if necessary. Remove the chicken from the pan and keep hot.
9. Divide shredded lettuce among the taco shells, top each with a couple of spoonfuls of guacamole, followed by chicken. Add the salsa and a dollop of creme fraiche, then sprinkle with sunflower seeds and serve.

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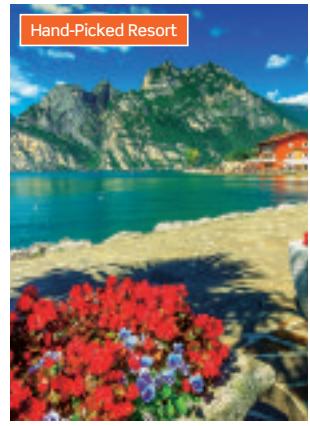
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GETAWAY

ROM the moment the waiter set fire to the bar, we knew we were in for a good night. One minute, we were sitting enjoying the ambience of Miami's Baoli restaurant, the next, the party erupted sending the lights flickering to the beat of Kanye West's song, Gold Digger.

The experience was the first of many firsts for me on the eve of leaving America's 'cruise capital of the world' on board Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Getaway.

I'll admit I had preconceptions, mainly based on my dad's samey collection of photo albums featuring him wearing a tux on the stairs of a grand ship.

But to me, the Getaway felt different somehow, and as we left the port doing a zumba routine on the dance floor of the top deck during the sail-away celebrations, I was already starting to warm to the experience.

Our journey, which began in Miami, took us across the Western Caribbean stopping at Roatan in Honduras, Harvest Caye in Belize and Mexico's Costa Maya and Cozumel.

The first day spent crossing the Atlantic Ocean into the Caribbean Sea provided the chance to explore the 'floating resort,' which boasts 27 dining options, 22 bars and lounges, spa suites, waterslides, children's creche, fitness centre, casino, rope park, theatres and even a nightclub.

With almost 4,000 guests on board the expansive ship, it was easy to forget we were at sea, but for the obligatory towel animal that greeted us in our cabin at the end of each day.

Our arrival in Roatan saw us taken on a guided bus tour, stopping at various parts of the island. Part of the huge Mesoamerican Barrier Reef (the second largest worldwide after Australia's Great Barrier Reef), it's known for its beaches, dive sites and marine life and has fast become an important cruise ship, scuba diving and eco-tourism destination.

In true tourist fashion, we watched as the locals made coconut bread and coconut candy and others performed a traditional dance to celebrate their freedom from slavery.

We also took a boat trip and saw some of the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch – one of the deadliest hurricanes – which wreaked havoc and chewed up ships in its wake back in 1998.

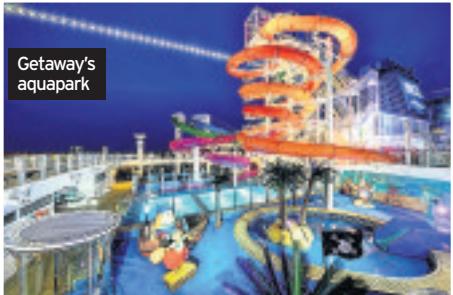
The following day saw us sail into Harvest Caye – a 75-acre oasis in Southern Belize and the latest jewel in NCL's crown, which opened to visitors in November last year.

The cruiseliner shelled out millions for the "exclusive piece of paradise" which boasts a 15,000 sq ft pool – one of the largest in the Caribbean – complete with a swim-up bar.

There's a shopping village, salt water lagoon for water activities, zip wire and 500ft private cabana beach

All aboard for the perfect Getaway

KELLY WILLIAMS loses her preconceptions about cruising



Getaway's aquapark

for those willing to fork out hundreds to lounge in luxury.

While we were there, plans were in the pipeline to operate open shuttles and water taxis and run snorkelling trips and excursions from the man-made port. Eco-activities and interactive wildlife programmes have since been launched.

The 400 people who work at Harvest Caye are all locals in a bid to "create a Belize experience."

Frank Del Rio, president and chief executive officer of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd said: "We have worked closely with the government of Belize to ensure that this spectacular destination was authentic for our guests, provided economic opportunities for the local community and preserved and protected Belize's incredible natural beauty."

However, much like a theme park, they operate the island on a pretty much 9-5 basis.

Be warned, too, food and drink packages on board the cruise liner do not apply on the island.

Costa Maya was our next stop – a

small tourist region that thrives off the footfall from the cruise ships.

We took a shuttle truck to the village and found a choice of beachside bars, all proudly offering free WiFi.

For \$20 you can even have an hour-long relaxing beach massage.

The area is generally undeveloped but has been growing rapidly after the construction of the pier to accommodate the ships.

Plenty of locals are making the most of this, relentlessly selling their wares, even to sunbathers.

But don't be scared to haggle for a bargain as even during a flip-flop emergency, I wasn't willing to pay the \$25 the trader was trying to charge me. You can't blame a guy for trying though. It was onto Cozumel next, an island whose many visitors flock to scuba dive and snorkel.

NEED TO KNOW

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But before I could experience for myself what all the fuss was about, our adrenaline was pumped up on the ATV jungle tour as we razzed around on off-road quad bikes for a while before a more calmer afternoon with the fish.

It was fascinating watching as swarms of tropical fish darted around us frantically snapping up food from our tour guide. We also spotted several starfish beneath the waves.

Leaving the Caribbean Sea and heading back to Miami allowed more opportunity to indulge in what the ship had to offer.

We (briefly) endured the chilling temperatures of the ice bar, watched the production of Million Dollar Quartet and relaxed at the spa.

There were magic shows, duelling pianos, a comedy club, salsa dancing and a plethora of other activities to

reduce the effects of jet lag.

In economy passengers will be able to enjoy comfy seats with a 31-32ins seat pitch, in-flight entertainment system and touch screen technology to order food and drinks straight to their seat.

■ Passengers travelling in the Premium cabin can enjoy spacious seating with extra legroom – 46ins, complimentary drinks, dinner, inclusive luggage, fast track security and access to select airport lounges.



The interior of NCL's Getaway
Credit: Ingrid Fiebak-Kremer



The ATV jungle tour adventure in Cozumel



Locals perform a traditional dance in Roatan

get involved in... so there was no time to get bored.

As a mum, it was easy to see the appeal of cruising, with teenage clubs and childcare facilities available right up until the early hours.

It's also handy having a pre-paid food and beverage card to save having to carry cash around.

In what felt like a whirlwind, we were back on dry land after docking back in Miami.

But before we flew home, there was time to explore the city and visit Little Havana – home to Miami's thriving Latino community.

Cubans began migrating to Florida in the 1950s but their numbers swelled after Fidel Castro came to power in 1959, and in the 1960s the area was named Little Havana.

We also visited Wynwood, a neighbourhood overflowing with vibrant artwork and stunning urban street graffiti.

Overall, my first fly-cruise was much more than I expected, challenging my preconceptions as something that only appeals to the older traveller. You don't even need to pack your sea legs!

At London Gatwick this is No1 Lounge which provides complimentary food and drink, along with spectacular views of the runway.

■ Norwegian Getaway seven-night Western Caribbean from Miami fly-cruise is priced from £1,643 per person based on two people sharing an inside stateroom and departing London Heathrow. See ncl.co.uk or call 0333 2412319 for more details or to book.

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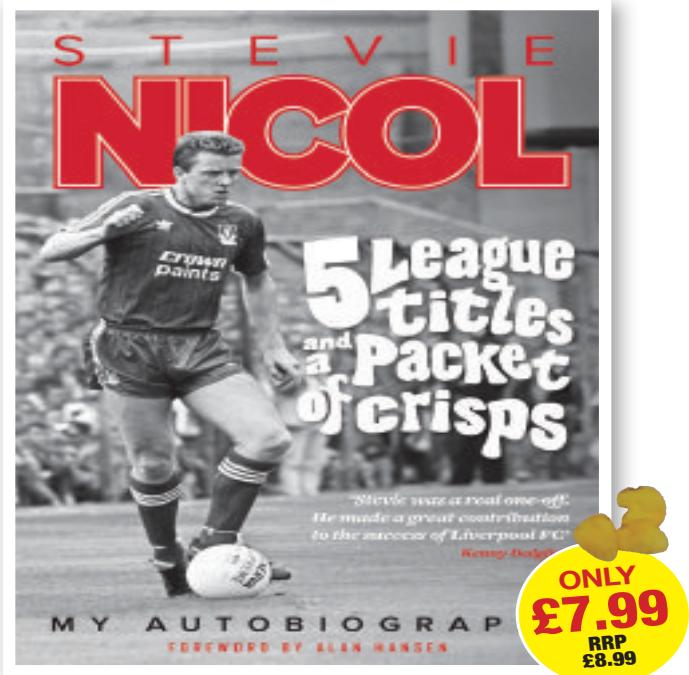
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PUZZLE TIME

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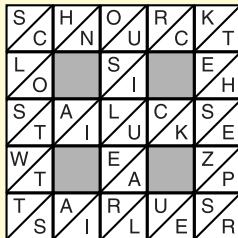
Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Britney Spears songs



Split Decision

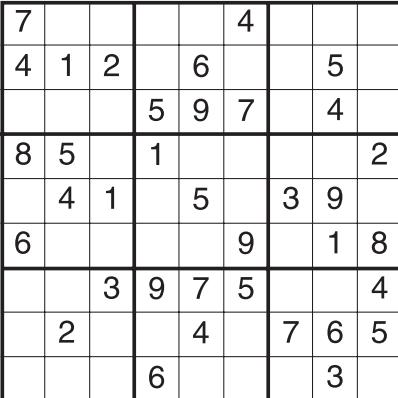
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



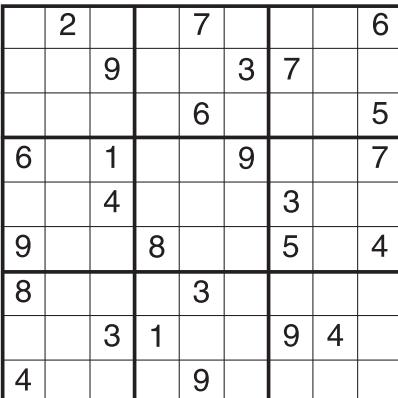
Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy



Hard



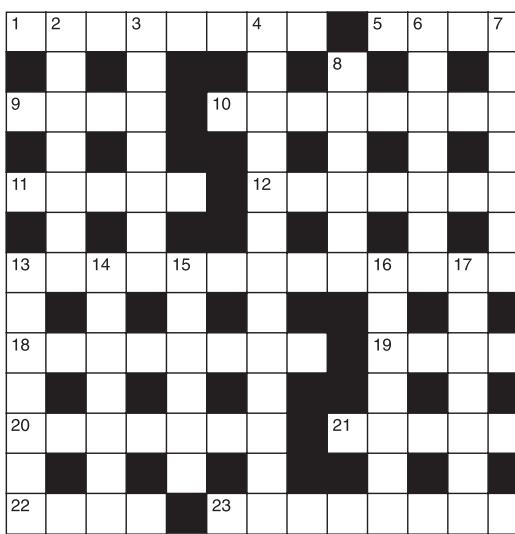
Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

Cryptic

Across

- About fighting retrogressive movement (8)
- This will restrain a famous agent (4)
- It shows what courses are available in some nurseries (4)
- He's in a low joint - that's decidedly sticky (8)
- Olive transformed by flimsy dress material (5)
- Letters that are inclined to show stress (7)
- Prepared computer for price table (5-8)
- Sea check for important part of the rigging (8)
- Coming from Southend at some time (4)
- Biblical language Maria translated in short account (7)
- Good sense shown by an early English parliament (5)
- Unusually restricted diet (4)
- This clue is treated with high regard (8)
- Not a pretty sight when I take the air, we hear (7)
- Paired off? (7)
- Presumably they're not suitable for modern trippers (3-4,6)
- There's nothing to fix one on a considered viewpoint (7)
- Furniture for one employed backstage (7)
- Assess the schoolboy's work again and make an observation (6)
- A racket that needs skill for defence (7)
- Cause a stir when it is in a football crowd (7)
- No negative character (3-3)
- Sketchy description of a queue waiting to leave? (7)
- Give somebody a lift (7)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

- Response (8)
- Tie (4)
- Bill of fare (4)
- Glue (8)
- Light fabric (5)
- Slanting type (7)
- Calculation table (5-8)
- Chief support (8)
- At that time (4)
- Ancient language (7)
- Anglo-Saxon assembly (5)
- Drawn (4)
- Respected (8)
- Ugly thing (7)
- Connected (7)
- The lancers, foxtrot, etc. (3-4,6)
- Belief (7)
- Furniture item (7)
- Comment (6)
- Bulwark (7)
- Disturb (7)
- Sycophant (3-3)
- Draft (7)
- Raise (7)

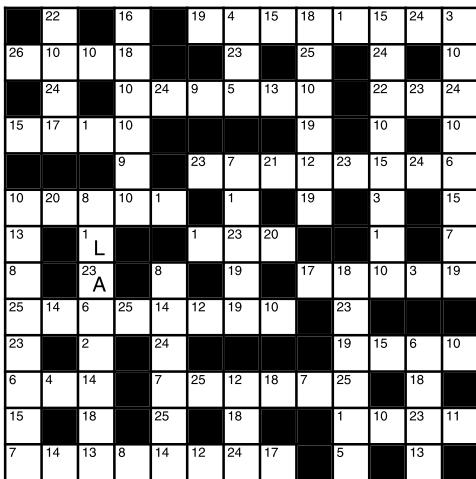
- Elisabeth Moss and Joseph Fiennes recently starred in a new Channel 4 adaptation of which Margaret Atwood novel?
- Formed in 1933 under Goering, how were the Geheime Staatspolizei better known?
- What was the small, unsuccessful electric car, introduced in 1985 at under £400, called?
- Who was the Formula 1 World Champion in 1985, '86 and '89?
- Who was the British artist best known for his paintings of horses?
- What is the art of fine handwriting called?
- What is the term given to the liver complaint which is often associated with alcoholism?
- Which family has ruled the tiny principality of Monaco since 1297?
- What is a town in France, the name of the Dutch royal family and a citrus fruit?
- Who wrote the novel The Picture of Dorian Gray, published in 1891?



Q1 - Elizabeth Moss

Quiz

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Sue Barker, Jamie Delgado, Anne Keothavong, Fred Perry, Laura Robson, Virginia Wade, Helen Lloyd, Andy Murray, Roger Taylor, Heather Watson, Jo Durie, Greg Rusedski, Colin Fleming, Bunny Austin, Jamie Murray, Elena Baltacha, Tim Hermann, Ann Haydon-Jones, Jonathan Murray, Johanna Konta..

Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 1 Latin quarter; 7 Bonus; 8 Irish; 9 Raw; 10 Cross-talk; 11 Harems; 12 Pass on; 15 Fieldfare; 17 Ash; 18 Aroma; 19 Frank; 21 Whistle-sets. Down: 1 Lower the flag; 2 Nun; 3 Upshot; 4 Reinstate; 5 Erica; 6 Shaking hands; 7 Bower; 10 Comedians; 13 Spank; 14 Manful; 16 Epoch; 20 Ass.

Wordsquare

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



Wordsquare

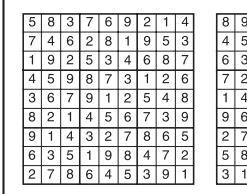
Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:

15 words - average; 25 words - good; 35 words - very good; 40 or more - excellent.



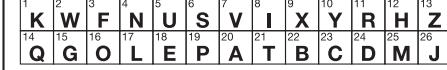
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LIVE IN STYLE AT THIS OLD HARLOW HOME

This house in Priory Avenue has beautiful gardens which are perfect for entertaining **PAGES 38&39**

HOT HOUSE



STUNNING HOME WITH BEAUTIFUL GARDEN



This beautiful Old Harlow house has a stylish interior and a garden perfect for entertaining on sunny summer afternoons. Estate agents Wright and Co. are selling 8 Priory Avenue for £695,000 and have named it as their property of the week.

Inside are three or four bedrooms, a designer interior and large kitchen which includes family space as well as a master bedroom suite.

Another plus point is the 120-foot garden, which includes a paved patio area and sculpted features.

A spokesman from Wright and Co. said: "We have the pleasure of offering this beautifully appointed three/four bedroom detached house recently constructed by the present owners with a designer feel throughout and a large garden."

The space and features of the house make it ideal for families. There is also a playroom with fitted cupboards and a tiled floor.

But if you're hosting, you will be keen to show off the impressive entrance which features an oak turned staircase. The sitting room has a tiled floor and comes with an entertainment cabinet.

The property was constructed by its present owners and designed for modern open plan living.

The spokesman continued: "Old Harlow offers excellent facilities with its satellite shopping precinct with shops for your day-to-day needs, restaurants, public houses, JMI and senior schooling.

"The mainline railway station serving London Liverpool Street and Cambridge is a five minute walk. Further fast train services can be found at Harlow Town which is approximately a mile and a half.

"Harlow offers multiple shopping centres, schools, recreational facilities and of course, M11 leading to M25 access points."

To arrange a viewing call (01279) 600400 or visit Wright and Co. offices at 4-6 Church Street in Sawbridgeworth.



YOUR HOME

Make kids' rooms a creative space

Go and play in your room! It's a common refrain among even the most devoted (but exasperated) parents, especially during long school holidays.

But they won't argue about such banishment – in fact, it might be hard to get them to emerge – if that room's an exciting personalised space where the decor stimulates the imagination and they can explore their creativity.

Here are a few themes and styles to try in your child's bedroom...

REACH FOR THE SKIES

Let your child's imagination soar with a space-inspired room, and who knows – they might grow up to follow in the footsteps of British astronaut Tim Peake.

"We've seen a huge increase in the number of customers shopping for themed kid's bedrooms over the past year or so," says Nathalie Davis, director at Cuckooland.

"People realise this is a room their child will always remember and want to reflect the taste they display in the rest of their home."

"Creating that 'wow' room, which they and their kids can boast about, is also down to the boom of social media and image-sharing platforms, such as Pinterest and Instagram, which are inspiring people to be more creative and push the boundaries when decorating their homes. Designing a kid's bedroom is a great opportunity to let your inner child run wild!"

"Parents are recognising the benefits of consulting their children over the look of a room, seeing it as both a bonding experience and allowing children some control over their environment. We find this inevitably leads to some of the more colourful, exciting and unex-

pected purchases that make a space distinctive and unique."

KIT FOR KIDS

Provide spaces for self-expression by painting a wall with blackboard paint, hanging up rolls of drawing paper, or making a large notice board by fixing cork tiles in a square to a wall and framing with simple painted wood strips.

INTO THE WILD

Children love to 'camp' and create secret hideouts, and they can have that fun with furniture inspired by living in the great outdoors.

"One of our most popular themes is the camping/woodland style room, most commonly using our teepee cabin bed, tent bed or a tree house bed as the focal point."



Ikea has affordable ideas for your child's bedroom. Adding things like a toy kitchen can make it a more entertaining place for your youngsters. **Play kitchen Duktig £59; five-piece toy cookware set Duktig £6; storage combination Trofast £73; five-piece toy kitchen utensil set Duktig £2.49; wall storage Trofast £34; children's table with chairs Latt £20; rug Stickat £9**



Blast-Off tent, £149, available from Field Candy



Louane tree bookcase, left, Priced £565, available from Cuckooland



THINK OUTSIDE THE TOY BOX

If your child's room is too small for play, look around the house to see if a small, unused space can be transformed. Kit out an understairs area with cushioned flooring, pillows and a curtain 'door'.

A built-in storage box can double as a window seat/reading/hobby area on a landing.

Galaxy wall mural, left
£60, available from Graham & Brown

Starry night glow roller blind, right,
from £32.62, available from English Blinds



Kids teepee bookcase
De Eekhoorn, £165, from Cuckooland

SNURK children's astronaut duvet set
£44.95, from Cuckooland



Children's tent cabin tepee, £1,025, duvet bed set, 44.95, both available from Cuckooland

says Nathalie.

"We think that's because this theme is in keeping with the Scandi trend, as it embraces neutral tones and sleek contemporary design that so dominates interior design currently. It also incorporates fun and a sense of adventure and its attraction will endure because it's classic and not age or gender specific."

"A plain, timeless backdrop – maybe a wall papered in faux brick or wood panelling and a stripped wooden floor – suits this look and would be practical and easy on the eye."

ON THE MOVE

"Children's bedrooms are the one area in the home where you can really indulge your imagination and theirs – so embrace the freedom," urges Paula Taylor, stylist for wallpaper specialists Graham & Brown.

"Your child's personal-

ity and preferences will impact on what you choose but I'd urge caution about anchoring a room totally to a particular TV or film character. The danger is fashions and fads fade fast and your child might be on to the next big thing before the character duvet set has hit the wash."

"A few accessories linked to the desired theme may be enough and can be easily changed. Invest in full-size furniture and then all that will be necessary is a few easy updates every few years."

"With wallpaper, something generic, such as geometrics, stripes or stars, will be a versatile and a non-distracting backdrop for as many settings as your child can dream up. For a combined bedroom/playroom, bold bright accents work well or a strong paper, like our punchy Marvel Action comic heroes, for a feature wall."

Scorpion kids race car bed, £249.95, available from Cuckooland

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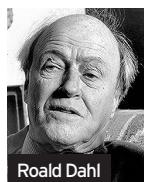
The interior of the five-bed property in Turnchapel Mews, London



DAHL'S 'LITTLE PIECE OF LONDON'

Roald Dahl was named the greatest storyteller of all time in a recent nationwide poll, beating Dickens, Shakespeare and JK Rowling.

The country's favourite author has enduring appeal, with Downton Abbey star Hugh Bonneville currently honing his Welsh accent as he prepares to play him in a new film focusing on Dahl's marriage to the Oscar-winning actress Patricia Neal, with whom he had five children.



Work is also under way to turn a former sweetshop - now a Chinese takeaway - in Cardiff, that inspired some of the author's most famous plots, into a holiday rental, where book-lovers can imagine the scene of a childhood prank; Dahl supposedly put a dead mouse in a gobstopper jar at Mrs Pratchett's sweet shop on Llandaff high street.

For Dahl fans, there's also the chance to live in an exclusive cobbled courtyard that was once the home of the



acclaimed author. He bought a ground-floor home in 1982 on Turnchapel Mews, between Clapham Common and Battersea Park, following the publication of *The BFG*, which he called his "little piece of London".

A five-bedroom property in the private gated mews is now on the market for £3.95m.

The top floor of four terraced mews houses which date back to the 19th century, this apartment has three bathrooms, a loft-like peaked ceiling kitchen/breakfast room, dining and drawing rooms, 90ft terrace, plus parking for two cars.

The home also includes a self-contained studio apartment, with kitchen/dining room, sitting room, shower room and guest WC.

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HALLOWED HOME OF POTTER'S PARENTS

Magical school Hogwarts was supposedly based somewhere in the Scottish Highlands, while JK Rowling penned her first blockbuster book in Edinburgh, so it's a little surprising that Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is only now being translated into Gaelic.

Twenty years after the world was first introduced to the schoolboy wizard, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is being printed by small publishers Itchy Coo, and is



Familiar: De Vere House's front door

the 80th translation of the first book in a series that has sold more than 450 million copies worldwide.

Harry Potter fans can be a dedicated bunch and many like to take photos of themselves in Potter-esque locations, such as outside this property, which is reckoned to have the second most photographed doorway in the UK, after 10 Downing Street. De Vere House - a Grade I listed, six-bedroom period home in the village of Lavenham, Suffolk - was used as the home of Lily and James Potter, Harry's

deceased parents in the Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows film, where they fought in vain against Lord Voldemort.

In the movie, forming part of Godric's Hollow, De Vere House can be seen opposite a fictional graveyard with a Christmas tree in the window.

Now on the market for £995,000, it oozes medieval charm with a massive timber frame, fireplaces, wall paintings and a rare stone spiral staircase with carved brick handrail.

The house has a reception hall, drawing room, sitting room, dining room and two kitchens, and garden with outdoor dining terrace. It's currently split into two: a main four-bedroom house and a two-bedroom section used as a holiday let.

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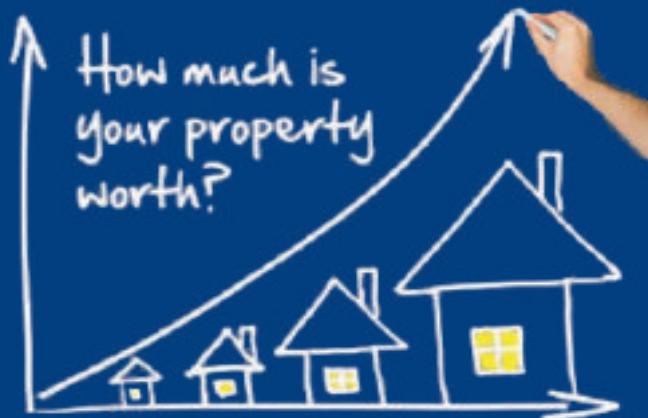


Charming: One of the reception rooms

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De Vere House in Lavenham, below, and Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter, right



Legendary Formula One driver Sir Jackie Stewart is still a driven man, working hard to find a cure for dementia.

He set up the charity Race Against Dementia, investing £1m of his own money, after his wife of 55 years and childhood sweetheart Helen, was diagnosed with the disease. She fell in love with Sir Jackie when he was working in his family's local garage as an apprentice mechanic, before the 'Flying Scot' picked up three World Drivers' Championships between 1965 and 1973.

After several friends died in motorsport accidents, his driver safety crusade in the 1960s and 1970s meant changes to regulations. Grand Prix tragedies are far fewer, with cars

FIRST RACE BASE OF AN F1 LEGEND

now four times safer than ordinary saloons.

For years, the multi-millionaire has lived in Switzerland, but this rather more lowly, three-bedroom detached bungalow - where he was born and grew up - in Dumbuck, West Dunbartonshire, is now up for grabs at £199,500.

Sir Jackie lived at Rockview for 23 years, and has said he was born on the dining room table. Rather fittingly, it's



Sir Jackie Stewart and the bungalow

right next to a car sales garage and comes with a blue plaque commemorating it as the F1 champion's birthplace.

The house has bay windowed lounge and dining room, both with feature fire places, a fitted kitchen and a large garden which backs onto farmland.

See www.mcarthurstanton.co.uk or call 01436 594008.

CATH'S FAB FARMHOUSE

Floral print champion Cath Kidston is continuing her global domination with plans to open the first stores in Latin America later this year.

The eponymous designer may not own the company after selling a majority stake to private equity investors a few years back, but she's still creative director and continues to put her distinctive stamp on everything from Millets' tents to Tesco shopping bags.

Kidston opened her first shop in London's Holland Park in 1993, selling hand-embroidered tea-towels and brightly renovated furniture, which she later described as a "glorified junk shop". Today, there are 77 stores in the UK and Ireland, and 140 across Asia.



Trillgate Farm and Cath Kidston



Kidston's former stone-built Gloucestershire farmhouse helped inspire her designs and hosted photo shoots until the designer and her husband, music producer Hugh Padgham, decided to sell up after 12 years.

Trillgate Farm in the Slad Valley dates from the 17th century and while living there they put in a new kitchen and dining room, added a terrace and did lots to the garden. The interior has a rustic farmhouse Cotswolds charm, with five bedrooms, four bathrooms and three reception rooms, set in two acres of land with a small paddock. There are stables, workshops and a stone barn which has been converted into a studio/extra accommodation.

The home is now on the market again for £2.5m. For more details see www.struttandparker.com or call 0207 629 7282.

WRITER'S RURAL PLOT

Day of the Jackal author Frederick Forsyth recently revealed he was working with MI6 for more than 20 years. He made the admission in autobiography, *The Outsider: My Life*, which describes missions to Rhodesia, South Africa and East Germany.

A former BBC and Reuters journalist, many of his fictional plots drew on real-life experiences covering stories around the world.

Forsyth has sold some 70 million books, and the BBC

has just announced that it will be adapting one of his popular novels, *The Kill List*, into a TV series.

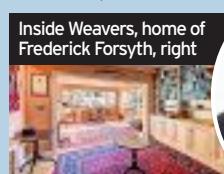
Some of his more recent books were written in the study at Weavers, his Buckinghamshire home in the village of Seer Green, where he's lived



Weavers in Seer Green

with wife Sandy since 2010. With four bedrooms, five reception rooms and a swimming pool, huge garden, Koi pond and oriental pavilion, the £3.2m property also has a two-bedroom cottage, with open plan kitchen/reception room and garage, and a one-bedroom annexe and triple garage block.

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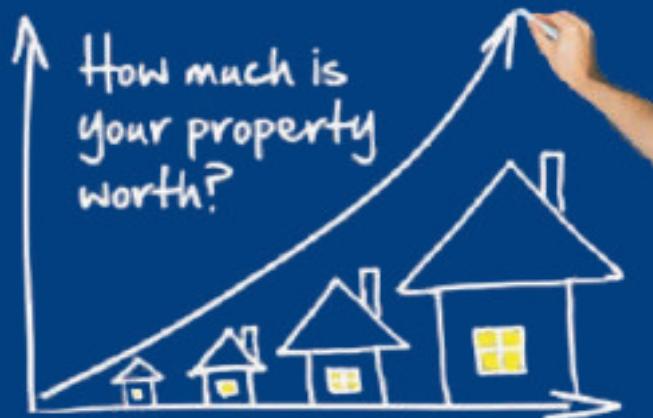


Inside Weavers, home of Frederick Forsyth, right

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YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Summer is coming to a close and autumn is looming... but it's still an exciting time in the garden as you collect the seeds you need for next year's planting

Autumn is looming... and it's time to collect seeds for next year's planting. The August bank holiday weekend announces that summer is drawing to a close, and soon it will be back to school season with its autumnal tints in the trees.

But it's still a busy time in the garden, so there's plenty to keep you occupied.

Many plants are at the peak of their energy - growing, blooming or setting seed - making it a good time to take samples and increase your stock.

Seed collection is best done on a dry day.

Arm yourself with some small brown envelopes and a pen to label what you collect.

Seeds for spring sowing can be stored somewhere cool and dry, but not in your airing cupboard which is too warm.

Some seeds, such as astrantia, foxglove, angelica, aquilegia, meconopsis, primula, delphinium and orlaya, can be planted straight away.

You can now take cuttings from many tender herbaceous perennials, including salvias, osteospermum, fuchsias, pelargoniums and ageratum. Select a piece of new growth which isn't flowering and cut just above a leaf.

Generally, the rule for cuttings is to do it early in the morning and immediately pop the cutting into a plastic bag to retain moisture until you pot them up. However, with pelargoniums you can let the cutting dry out a bit for a couple of days so that the end of the cutting forms a bit of a callus. This will help your cutting survive.

You can also do heel cuttings now - for example, with rosemary you pull



Take rosemary cuttings

a side shoot from a main stem with a small heel of bark attached.

Tender indoor plants, such as African violets, Begonia rex and



Choose healthy side shoots for cuttings

succulents, can be successfully raised by cutting a leaf and inserting it into compost.

Carnation lovers can increase their stock by using the technique of layering.

Choose a healthy side shoot which isn't flowering, bend it over without snapping the stem and peg firmly into the ground with some wire. Cover the stem with soil, and water in.

As the ground is nicely warm from the long days of summer, it's a great time to get planting for next year.

Get your biennials into their final flowering position. Biennials are those plants which have a two-year cycle -

putting on leaf growth for the first year and sending up a shoot of flowers the next, after which they set seed and die.

Examples are wallflowers, sweet Williams, honesty, foxgloves and forget-me-nots.

Either you will have sown their seeds earlier this summer or if not, you can buy stock from your local nursery or garden centre.

Perennials which have finished flowering are often at reduced rates, and at this time of year they can be divided up into a couple of smaller plants, giving you even better value.

Keep an eye out for late summer flowering perennials, such as rud-

beckias, chrysanthemums and asters, which could give you lots of colour right through to November.

If you still have time on your hands, get out your secateurs or shears. It's always sad to remove the fading blooms of lavender but it's essential to stop the bush getting straggly.

You don't need to throw the clippings on your compost heap - keep them indoors while they dry out and enjoy their scent.

You can also prune climbing and rambling roses if they have finished flowering, and it's your last chance to summer prune back those long wispy bits of wisteria.



Select your sweet peas for next year

Lay the ground for sweet peas

■ Sweet pea lovers - it's time to make your selection of varieties for next year. They're best sown from late September through early October to get a head start for next spring.

■ September starts this week and light levels are beginning to drop. House plants will start to require less watering and feeding from now on.

■ As growth decreases,

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

heighten the blade on your lawn mower. Reseed any worn patches.

■ Consider sowing hardy annuals for next year. The benefit of sowing now or early autumn will be an earlier display next spring. This won't be suitable for half-hardy or tender annuals and even your hardy sowings may need a little bit of protection in a

very harsh winter. Suitable candidates include lunaria (honesty), poppies, nigella (love-in-a-mist) and cornflowers.

■ Treat any vine weevil infection with nematodes - this treatment works most effectively while the soil is still warm.

■ Purchase your narcissi Paperwhites for the purpose of forcing indoors in time for Christmas.



Act now to keep vine weevils at bay

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Collect seeds from aquilegia, and astrantia and cuttings of foxglove and fuchsias now to increase stocks for next year

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QI wonder if you can help me, I have a Boston ivy in my garden. It is very overgrown and has got quite out of hand. Can you tell me how I can safely kill it off without damaging the other shrubs nearby?

Mr L Carvell

AIf you want to get rid of all your Boston ivy, you will need to cut the stems right back to the base and then either dig up the stump or apply some glyphosate weedkiller on to the stump. This should not affect any of your other shrubs.



PLANT OF THE WEEK

CROCOSMIA JACKANAPES

For a fanfare of bright colours in the border at this time of year, you can rely on Crocosmia to provide the fireworks.

Also sometimes known as Montbretia, this cormous perennial is low maintenance and easy to grow. Plant in full sun or partial shade in moist, well drained soil, preferably with a bit of shelter - it

flourishes in the damp hedgerows of Cornwall and south west Ireland. 'Jackanapes' is a cheeky chap with a flourish of yellow/orange and red flowers but with a tidier and more compact habit than some of the larger varieties such as 'Lucifer'. Flowering can diminish if the plant gets congested, so lift and divide if needs be in spring.



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...A Selection Of Homes In Harlow...



PYENEST ROAD, HARLOW

- Three bedrooms
- Driveway
- Un-Overlooked Garden
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: TBC

£369,995



THE DRIVE, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Garage En Bloc
- Semi Detached
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Close To Town
- EPC Rating: D

£349,995



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Potential To Extend (STPP)
- EPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



CARTERS MEAD, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Corner Plot Garden
- Terrace House
- Cloakroom/WC
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- EPC Rating: C

£329,995



LITTLE CATTINS, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Modern Kitchen
- End Of Terrace
- Garage To Rear
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: D

£324,995



LONG BANKS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Playroom/Study
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Driveway
- Close To Amenities
- EPC Rating: D

£319,995



GLAN AVON MEWS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Well Presented
- End Terrace Home
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: TBC

£314,995



HOLLYFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Ground Floor WC
- CHAIN FREE
- Terraced House
- Popular Location
- Long Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£277,500



JOYNERS FIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Well presented
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£269,995



MOORFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor WC & Study
- Popular Location
- Middle Terrace
- Well Presented
- Fitted Wardrobes
- EPC Rating: TBC

£269,995



GREEN HILLS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Popular Location
- CHAIN FREE
- Terraced Home
- Conservatory
- Enclosed Garden
- EPC Rating: D

£264,995



SOUTHERN LODGE, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Residents Parking
- Warden Assisted
- Chain Free
- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Communal Gardens
- EPC Rating: TBC

£239,995



NEW

RECTORY WOOD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
- Close To Hospital
- Ideal Investment
- EPC Rating: TBC

£234,995



TORKILDSSEN WAY, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Well Presented
- Close To Station
- Apartment
- Second Floor
- Balcony
- EPC Rating: TBC

£229,995



NEW

BOWHILL WAY, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Close To Amenities
- EPC Rating: B

£209,995



NEWSTEAD WAY, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Living
- Allocated Parking
- Chain Free
- Top Floor
- Apartment
- Close To Train Station
- EPC Rating: C

£199,995



DADSWOOD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Dressing Room
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- First Floor
- Close To Town
- EPC Rating: C

£189,995



JOYNERS FIELD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Recently Redecorated
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Apartment
- Top Floor (5th)
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: D

£174,995

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...Homes In Church Langley & Newhall...

NEW

ASHWORTH PLACE, HARLOW

- Four Double Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Double Garage/Reception
- Premier Location
- Detached Home
- Two Receptions
- Driveway
- EPC Rating: TBC

£574,995

ELWOOD, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Immaculate Home
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached House
- En-Suite & W.C
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC Rating: D

£499,995

CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Double Driveway
- Detached House
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Cloakroom & Utility
- EPC Rating: D

£475,000

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FENTON GRANGE, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Drive
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Chain Free
- Detached Home
- Two Receptions
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£449,995

WESTBURY RISE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Five Bedrooms
- Three Receptions
- Extended
- Kitchen/Diner
- Semi Detached
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Driveway
- EPC Rating: TBC

£424,995

MOSS LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Sun Terrace
- Driveway
- Link Detached
- Two Receptions
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: B

£415,000

NEW

MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Town House
- Garage & Drive
- Semi Detached
- En-Suite Shower
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: C

£400,000

THE GARDINERS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Driveway
- Detached Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Conservatory
- EPC Rating: TBC

£399,995

SIMPLICITY LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Conservatory/Sun Room
- Parking for at least 3
- Semi Detached
- En-Suite Shower
- Southerly Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£389,995

CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Cloakroom/WC
- Garage & Drive
- Link Detached
- En-Suite Shower
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£379,995

CANOPY LANE, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan
- Car Port For Two Cars
- Overlooking Woods
- Linked Home
- Well Presented
- Popular location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£369,995

NEW PRICE

ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cu-De-Sac Location
- Own Parking
- Semi Detached
- Ground Floor W.C
- Modern Bathroom
- EPC Rating: D

£329,995

DOULTON CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- End Of Terrace
- En-Suite Shower
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: C

£329,995

COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom/WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Potential To Extend (STPP)
- End Of Terrace
- Driveway
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£324,995

MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Croudace Build
- Garage To Rear
- Terraced Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Ground Floor W.C
- EPC Rating: C

£294,995

HADLEY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- Popular Location
- End Of Terrace
- Close To Amenities
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: D

£284,995

COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Westerley Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£274,995

MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Own Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Coach House
- CHAIN FREE
- Converted Garage
- EPC Rating: C

£259,995

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Bentley Drive
• Two Double Bedroom Terrace House
• CHAIN FREE
• Allocated Parking For two vehicles
• Fitted Kitchen / Diner
• Situated Within A Residential Cul-De - Sac
• E.P.C Rating: C
£284,995



Brickcroft Hoppit, Newhall
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House
• Situated On The Award Winning Newhall Development
• Modern Fully Fitted Open Plan Kitchen
• Private Driveway
• Rear Garden With Side Access
• E.P.C Rating: C
£290,000



The chase
• Three Bedroom Split Level Duplex Apartment
• Split Level Accommodation
• Open Plan Lounge / Diner
• Modern Fitted Kitchen With Integrated Appliances
• Car Port / Allocated Parking
• E.P.C Rating: C
£340,000



Albert Gardens
• Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
• Situated In A Residential Cul-De-Sac
• Single Garage & Off Street Parking For Multiple Vehicles
• Within Catchment Area Of Henry Moore Primary School
• Conservatory To The Rear
• E.P.C Rating: C
£350,000



Wedgewood Drive
• A Three Bedroom Detached Family Home
• Fitted Kitchen
• Situated Within Close Proximity To Local Shops
• Downstairs WC
• Within The Catchment Area Of Henry Moore Primary School
• E.P.C Rating: D
£390,000



Davenport
• A Three/Four Bedroom Terraced House
• Within Catchment Area Of Henry Moore Primary School
• Dressing Room & En-Suite To Master
• Single Garage & Parking For One Vehicle
• Fully Fitted Kitchen
• E.P.C Rating: Awaiting
£412,000



Pilkingtons
• Five Bedroom Detached House
• Situated At The End Of A Cul-De-Sac Location
• Separate Lounge & Dining Room
• Four DOUBLE Bedrooms
• Conservatory To The Rear
• E.P.C Rating: Awaiting
O.I.R.O - £490,000



Davenport
• A Five Bedroom Detached Family Home
• Garage & Off Street Parking
• Two Reception Rooms
• En-Suite To Master Bedroom
• Conservatory To The Rear
• E.P.C Rating: D
£500,000



Alba Road, Newhall

£299,000

• Two DOUBLE Bedrooms End Of Terrace
• Fitted Kitchen With Diner
• Downstairs W/C
• Allocated Parking
• Situated On The Award Winning Newhall Development
• E.P.C Rating Awaiting



Cunningham Rise

£300,000

• Two DOUBLE Bedroom Terraced House
• Quiet Cul - De - Sac location
• Located in North Weald, Epping
• Within Distance Of St Andrews School
• Ideal for first time buyers or Investors
• E.P.C Rating D



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NEW PRICE

Northbrooks
O.I.E.O - £220,000

- Two Bedroom Split Level Maisonette
- Open Plan Living Space
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Outside Terrace Spaces
- EPC Rating : Awaiting



CHAIN FREE

Barn Mead
O.I.R.O - £245,000

- Two Bedroom House
- End Of Terrace
- Chain Free
- An Ideal First Time Buyers Or Investment
- Approx 500 ft Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



NEW INSTRUCTION

Hull Grove
O.I.R.O - £245,950

- Three Bedrooms
- An Ideal First Time Buy Or Investment
- Fitted Kitchen
- Chain Free
- Approx. 50ft Rear Gardens
- Awaiting EPC Rating



CHAIN FREE

Copshall Close
O.I.R.O - £249,995

- Two Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Gas Central Heating
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating C



VIEWING ADVISED!

Churchfield
£289,995

- Three Bedroom Terraced House
- Situated in Churchfield CM20
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Area
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner To Rear
- EPC: E



MUST BE SEEN!

Sycamore Field
£309,995

- Four Double Bedroom House
- Utility Room
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Approx 18ft Lounge
- EPC Rating D



NEW PRICE

Pear Tree Mead
O.I.R.O.- £316,995

- Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Through Lounge
- In Our Opinion Decorated To A High Standard
- Low Maintenance Garden To Rear Aspect
- EPC: C



MUST BE SEEN!

Pye Corner
£699,995

- Four Double Bedroom House Situated In Gilston
- Semi Detached House Built In The 1860's
- Two Reception Rooms
- Land At Rear Of House With Garage & Parking
- Approximately 115ft Rear Garden
- EPC Rating E



VIEWING ADVISED!

Peterswood
£279,995

- Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House
- Garage To The Front/Driveway For One Vehicle
- Fitted Kitchen To Front Aspect
- Lounge/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- EPC Rating D



NEW INSTRUCTION

Waterhouse Moor
£ 299,995



- Three Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Chain Free
- Fitted Kitchen
- Driveway For Two Vehicles
- EPC Rating D



WHY INSTRUCT
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Pittmans
Field

£380

- Single Room - ALL BILLS INCLUDED
- Spacious kitchen and bathroom
- EPC - E
- Fees apply - please see in branch



Tilbury
Mead

£900

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- Great size living area
- EPC - E
- Fees apply - please see in branch



Hookfield

£1,100

- 2 Bedroom House
- Two good sized double bedrooms
- EPC - E
- Fees apply - please see in branch



Pittmans
Field

£410

- Single Room - ALL BILLS INCLUDED
- Spacious kitchen and bathroom
- EPC - E
- Fees apply - please see in branch



Dunstalls

£900

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- 2 Double bedrooms
- EPC - C
- Fees apply - please see in branch

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Forebay Lane,
Newhall

£1,600

- Stunning 3 Bedroom House
- Modern Interior and exterior
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- 2 Bedroom Flat
- Two double bedrooms one with en suite
- EPC - B
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Berecroft

£1,350

- Huge 4 Bedroom House
- Masses of space throughout
- EPC - E
- Fees apply - please see in branch



LET BY
Coalport
Close

£1,650

- 4 Bedroom House
- Good sized bedrooms
- EPC - D
- Fees apply - please see in branch

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COPSE HILL, HARLOW

- FOUR BED DETACHED
- DOUBLE GARAGE
- DRIVEWAY
- SOUTH FACING GARDEN

£479,950

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- GAS HEATING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



RAM GORSE, HARLOW

- THREE BEDROOM TERRACE
- POPULAR LOCATION
- CLOSE TO HOSPITAL
- GAS HEATING

£280,000

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
- VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



FENNELLS, HARLOW

- FOUR BEDROOM TERRACE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- CLOAKROOM
- OUTSKIRTS OF HARLOW

£310,000

- GAS HEATING
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



CHURCH LEYS, HARLOW

- TWO BED TERRACE
- GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- SOUTH FACING GARDEN

£275,000

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- GAS HEATING
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



THE WRENS, HARLOW

- THREE BED TERRACE
- PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC
- CLOAKROOM
- GARAGE EN-BLOC

£290,000

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- GAS HEATING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



CHAPEL FIELDS, HARLOW

- TWO BED SEMI DETACHED
- MODERN KITCHEN
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£270,000

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- GAS HEATING
- VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
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HARLOW**

• An entertaining home for certain, considerable thought and substantial investment has been made to accommodate a unique property with plenty of living space all leading out to the landscaped and impressive 'party gardens' all backing onto woodland which offer both a view and privacy. The house is situated within a popular private development and enjoying sizable cul de sac position within the 'Great Pardon' region not far from the town centre, pinnacles and golf course.



**£239,995
BRAYS MEAD, HARLOW**

- Two Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- Good Size Garden
- Mid Terrace
- Vendor Suited
- EPC Rating: E



**£269,995
SOPER SQUARE, NEWHALL**

- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden Terrace
- Ground Floor
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: C



**OIEO £279,995
SHAWBRIDGE, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Mid Terrace
- Extended
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- EPC Rating: E



**£294,995
TUNNMEADE, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway Parking
- Popular Location
- Mid Terrace
- Vendor Suited
- EPC Rating: D



**£299,995
MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Two Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace
- Garage & Parking
- Downstairs W/C
- En Suite
- EPC Rating: TBC



**£345,000
THE PLASHETS, SHEERING**

- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Street Parking
- Mid Terrace
- Lounge / Diner
- EPC Rating: C



**£329,995
NEW ROAD,
OLD HARLOW**

• Within the Old town's conservation Area, New Road, is a classic 'English' street with an attractive variety of both Victorian and Edwardian houses mixing well with more recent architecture. This home is a good example of early 20th century design. This two bedroom semi-detached home with two receptions, shared driveway, large kitchen and two good size bedrooms. Schools for all ages are close by as with the high street shops and Harlow Mill station.

Howick & Brooker



Gothic House, Station Road, Old Harlow, CM17 0AP



CHAIN FREE



£349,995
SAKINS CROFT, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Recently Modernised
- Open Plan
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC Rating: D



£350,000
ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- End Of Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Garage & Drive
- EPC Rating: C



£625,000
GREAT AUGER STREET,
NEWHALL

- Four Bedrooms
- State Of The Art
- Open Plan
- Detached House
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: B



£360,000
RUSHTON GROVE, CHURCH LANGLEY



£384,995
FELMONGERS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Two Bathrooms
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: E



£400,000
SAKINS CROFT, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Individually Designed
- Detached Home
- Driveway Parking
- EPC Rating: TBC

£475,000
ST JOHNS AVENUE, OLD HARLOW

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- With Detached Annex
- Two Bedrooms
- EPC Rating: E



£605,000
TYE GREEN VILLAGE, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Three Receptions
- Two Bathrooms
- Detached House
- Little Known Area
- EPC Rating: F

£625,000
PYNCHON PADDOCKS, LITTLE HALLINGBURY

- Detached House
- Two Receptions
- Garage & Driveway
- Four Bedrooms
- Village Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£995,000
LATTON COMMON,
HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
- Three Receptions
- Private Location
- Gated Entrance
- Detached
- EPC Rating: C

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Foldcroft £159,995

- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge Diner
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Gas Radiator Central Heating
- Communal Garden Area
- Close to Train Station & Hospital.



Guilfords £170,000

- One Bedroom Top Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Close to Harlow Mill Train Station
- Old Harlow Location
- Viewings Highly Recommended



Foldcroft £205,000

- Two Bedroom Maisonette
- Close to Train Station & Hospital
- Close to Harlow Town Centre



The Dashes £220,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Top Floor Apartment
- Walking Distance to Harlow Train Station
- Close to Town Centre
- Fitted Kitchen
- Large Lounge Diner
- Gas Central Heating



BROCKLES MEAD Guide £230,000- £250,000

- GUIDE PRICE: £230,000 - £250,000.



East Park £279,995

- Two Bedroom Home
- Mid Terrace
- Double Bedrooms
- Separate Utility Area & Fitted Kitchen
- Large Lounge Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Unoverlooked Garden
- No Onward Chain



Tilbury Mead OIEO £280,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Large Lounge Diner
- Close to schools & Local Shops
- Viewings Recommended



Peacocks £285,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- End of Terrace
- Private Estate
- Garage En-Bloc
- Gas Radiator Central Heating



Doulton Close £285,000

- Two Bedroom Family Home
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Large Lounge Diner
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms



Hillsborough House OIEO £325,000

- Two Bedroom Top Floor Apartment
- Immaculate Throughout
- Period Property
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Integral Garage & Drive
- Un-Overlooked Garden
- Offered With No Onward Chain

• En-suite to Master Bedroom

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Integral Garage & Drive
- Un-Overlooked Garden
- Offered With No Onward Chain



Malkin Drive

£400,000

- Four Bedroom Town House
- Semi-Detached
- Quiet Cul De Sac
- Kitchen Diner

- Master Bedroom with En Suite
- Integral Garage & Drive
- Gas Central Heating



Brooklane Field

£384,995

- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Semi-Detached
- Sought After Area
- Good Access M11/M25

- Needs Updating.
- Close to All Amenities



Fesants Croft **Offers Over £285,000**

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Mid Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Large Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed



Nichols Field **£290,000**

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Separate Bathroom & WC



Vicarage Wood **£300,000**

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- End of Terrace
- Possible to Extend (Subject to planning)
- Recently Refurbished
- Immaculate Condition Throughout
- Gas Central Heating



Markwell Wood **£334,995**

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Semi Detached
- Large Kitchen Diner
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Outskirts of Harlow
- Private Area



Coalport Close

£389,995

- Four Bedroom Family Home
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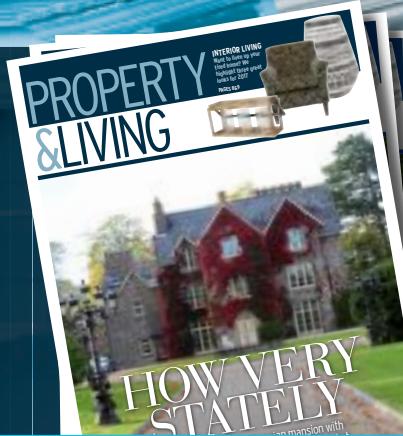
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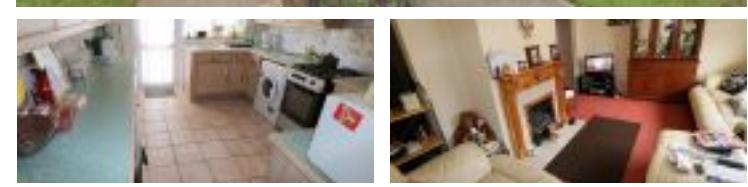
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By David Ward

It seems incredible that the Ford Mondeo is celebrating its 25th 'silver wedding' anniversary this year and is still going strong while in the intervening years many rival models have come and gone never to be seen again.

When the Mondeo first arrived in 1992 it was immediately dubbed the ideal 'reps' car - hence the nickname Mondeo Man's car - but over the years motoring styles and tastes have changed yet with repeated upgrades and added new technology on board it still remains a commendable contender in the mid-size family car sector.

Ford has always produced sporty versions of models they have made over the years and the Mondeo was no different with the introduction in early 2000 of the go-faster ST editions.

It certainly motored as they say with its three-litre V6 petrol engine pushing out 226bhp propelling the car from 0 to 62mph in 6.6 seconds and with a top speed of 155mph but that power train was dropped and the

last Mondeo ST was back in 2005 driven by a 2.2-litre four-cylinder 153bhp turbo diesel engine capable of accelerating from 0 to 62mph in 8.2 seconds and with a top speed of 140mph.

So after a gap of a few years the ST is back in the Mondeo line-up (Ford's now call all such models as ST-Line) and it's powered by a two-litre turbo diesel pushing out 178bhp and even for the first time with all-wheel-drive.

In five-door format and with Ford's excellent Powershift Automatic gearbox on board it will accelerate from 0 to 62mph in 9.3 seconds with a claimed top speed of 140mph and return a combined average fuel consumption of 53.3mpg.

This particular model (tested here) is not cheap though coming in at £29,795 which begs the question of who would have ever thought back in the Nineties that the humble Mondeo man's reps' car would cost such a staggering amount of money!

But look closely at what you get for your money and in today's new car market place it has to be said that's extremely



good value for that price with so much high tech kit on board plus loads of in-built safety features and much more.

The ST-Line models always stand out from the normal versions and the Mondeo is no different with suspension making it sit 10mm lower, chunky style body kit, honeycomb grille, rear spoiler, aluminium foot pedals for the driver and inside loads of red seat stitching on the really comfortable supporting seats

and there's a dark roof liner.

The standard kit is highly impressive too and that includes LED daytime running lights, Ford's SYNC 3 with eight-inch touch screen for the driver, plus a DAB navigation system, cruise control with speed limiter, hill launch assist and double zone temperature control and much more.

The model normally comes with 18-inch alloy wheels as standard but the test car rode on 19-inch (£550 option) and it

certainly helped towards a more refined ride while overall the two-litre engine and that outstanding automatic gearbox makes for a really good driving experience.

Yes, it can be driven in a sporty manner which is what most ST buyers would want but it does it in such a subtle manner (quiet too) while as so often with turbo diesel engine today there's a good, instant response at mid range speeds for quick, sensible overtaking.

With Ford's traditional light but responsive steering on board it's a pleasant car to drive whether through heavy stop-start city traffic has I encountered twice through central London and equally offers a perfectly smooth and fast drive out on the motorway.

The list of options an ST-Line can have on board is quite extensive but I do think that a car costing the best part of thirty grand should have as standard on board blind spot monitoring system (an extra £500), rear view camera (another £250) and privacy glass (£200) as most of the rivals do at this level.

The test car also had an

exclusive paint job - called Ruby Red - and nice though it looked when parked in the driveway at £825 a go I think if I was buying I would probably give that one a polite miss!

In terms of fuel consumption like all modern day turbo diesel powered cars this Mondeo ST-Line was impressive returning 51.1 mpg (fairly close to the official combined figure of 53.3mpg) and CO2 is a reasonable 138 g/km for such a powerful, sporty car.

Obviously, as most motorists know, there are cheaper new Mondeo versions available but for those wanting some of that Ford sports heritage like those of yesteryear won't be disappointed.

Overall it's well worth the money, particularly the test car with its all-wheel-drive which does make a difference driving in tricky torrential wet conditions as I encountered.

Yes, all the old jokes about Mondeo Man are long gone and of all the engines now offered with this latest incarnation the two-litre turbo diesel is an ideal choice in my book.

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2013 Vauxhall Mokka SE Ss 5dr



£10,995

21,000 miles, ABS, air conditioning, full leather, electric mirrors, multiple airbags, cruise control, heated seats, remote central locking, power steering, parking sensors, electric windows, CD player

2011 Peugeot 3008 Sport HDi 5dr



£6,695

43,000 miles, ABS, air conditioning, electric windows, CD player, multiple airbags, cruise control, electric mirrors, power steering, parking sensors, remote central locking

2011 Hyundai i30 Comfort Crdi 5dr



£6,995

10,000 miles, ABS, air conditioning, remote central locking, multiple airbags, electric windows, CD player, power steering, electric mirrors

CARS FROM £18 PER WEEK

2009 (09) Citroen C3 Pluriel Convertible 1.4, silver, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, e/hood, CD player, 28,000 miles only
was £4,995 now £3,995

2010 (59) Vauxhall Corsa 1.2, silver, 5 door, alloy wheels, air con, half leather seats, heated seats, cruise control, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 51,000 miles
was £4,995 now £3,995

2010 (60) Nissan Note 1.4, red, remote locking, e/windows, CD player, 65,000 miles
was £4,995 now £3,995

2009 (09) Citroen C1 1.0, black, CD player, 21,000 miles only, £20 per year road Tax, ideal 1st car, one owner
was £4,495 now £3,495

2008 (08) Renault Clio 1.2, 5 door, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 69,000 miles only
was £3,995 now £3,395

2007 (07) Peugeot 307 cc 2.0, blue, alloys, air con, r/locking, leather seats, parking sensors, e/windows, e/power hood, e/mirrors, 6 disc changer, 80,000 miles
was £3,995 now £2,695

CARS FROM £24 PER WEEK

2011 (11) Hyundai i30 1.4 grey, air con, remote locking, alloys, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, CD player, one owner, 36,000 miles
was £5,995 now £4,495 **SOLD**

2003 (53) Jaguar XJ6 3.0,

blue, automatic, alloy wheels, climate control, heated full leather seats, cruise control, parking sensors, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 81,000 miles
was £5,995 now £4,495 **SOLD**

2010 (60) Smart for Two,

silver/blue, auto, e/windows, panoramic roof, CD player, alloy wheels, 37,000 miles
was £5,495 now £4,395

2007 (57) Volkswagen Eos 2.0 Diesel,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, heated leather seats, cruise control, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 43,000 miles only
was £7,995 now £6,695

2010 (60) Peugeot 3008 1.6 Diesel,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, parking sensors, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 43,000 miles only
was £7,995 now £6,695

2011 (61) Hyundai ix20 1.4 Diesel,

red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, parking sensors, Bluetooth, e/windows, e/mirrors, £30 a year tax, 33,000 miles only
was £6,995 now £6,495

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

2007 (07) Nissan Qashqai Acenta Dci, black, remote locking, cruise control, CD player, climate control, e/windows, e/mirrors, Bluetooth, 65,000 miles, one owner
was £6,995 now £5,995

2015 (65) Ford KA 1.2,

12,000 miles, black, e/windows, CD player, air con, £30 per year tax, one owner
was £6,995 now £5,995

2013 (63) Peugeot 107 1.0

red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, £0 a year Tax, 12,000 miles only
was £6,495 now £5,495

CARS FROM £36 PER WEEK

2010 (60) Nissan Qashqai 1.5 DCi, grey, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, remote locking, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, 63,000 miles
was £7,995 now £6,495 **SOLD**

2011 (11) Hyundai i30 CRDI Automatic 1.6, blue, 10,000 miles, air con, e/windows, e/mirrors, air con, USB port, CD player
was £7,995 now £6,995

2010 (60) Peugeot 3008 1.6 Diesel,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, parking sensors, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 43,000 miles only
was £7,995 now £6,695

2011 (61) Hyundai ix20 1.4 Diesel,

red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, parking sensors, Bluetooth, e/windows, e/mirrors, £30 a year tax, 33,000 miles only
was £10,995 now £8,995

CARS FROM £42 PER WEEK

2016 Citroen C3 Puretech Platinum Etg Ss Petrol

blue, semi-automatic, air con, parking sensors, remote locking, Bluetooth, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, power steering
was £8,995 now £7,995 **SOLD**

2008 (08) Mercedes CLC 200 Kompressor Sport,

Automatic, Silver, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, parking sensors, half leather seats, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 59,000 miles
was £8,495 now £7,995

2010 (60) BMW 318i SE,

red, alloy wheels, e/windows, e/mirrors, air con, half leather, parking sensors, main dealer history, remote central locking, 65,000 miles
was £8,495 now £6,495 **SOLD**

2011 (11) Nissan Juke 1.6, red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, Bluetooth, e/windows, e/mirrors, 43,000 miles
was £7,995 now £7,395

CARS FROM £48 PER WEEK

2014 (14) Nissan Juke Acenta dCi 5 door, White, air con, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, Bluetooth, cruise control, remote locking, 36,000 miles
was £9,995 now £8,995

2011 (11) Peugeot RCZ 1.6 GT Coupe, black, alloy wheels, air con, leather seats, cruise control, parking sensors, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 49,000 miles
was £9,995 now £8,995

2010 (10) Ford Kuga 2.0 TDCi Titanium, grey, alloy wheels, air con, half leather, cruise control, parking sensors, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 34,000 miles only
was £10,995 now £8,995 **SOLD**

CARS FROM £54 PER WEEK

2010 Peugeot RCZ HDi GT Coupe, white, 7,000 miles, alloy wheels, air con, ABS, remote central locking, full leather, heated seats, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, power steering, parking sensors.
£11,995

2013 (13) Vauxhall Mokka SE 1.6,

21,000 miles, blue, heated leather seats, cruise control, alloys, cruise control, parking sensors, Bluetooth, one owner, air con, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player
was £11,995 now £10,995

2012 (12) Peugeot RCZ 1.6,

Grey, alloy wheels, air con, full leather heated seats, remote locking, cruise control, SAT NAV, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, 61,000 miles
was £10,495 now £9,495

2016 Porsche Cayenne D V6 Tiptronic S

16,000 miles, ABS, air conditioning, full leather, parking sensors, Bluetooth, panoramic sunroof, cruise control, tracker fitted
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PART EXCHANGE

2005 (55) Ssanghyun Kyron 2.0 Diesel, auto, purple, alloys, air con, 94k
£2,450

2004 (54) Hyundai Santa FE 2.0 Diesel, auto, black, alloys, air con, 76K
£2,450

1999 (T) Mercedes CLK320, convertible, alloys, leather seats, e/hood, 100k
£1,750

2007 (07) Ford KA 1.3, red, alloys, a/c, remote locking, e/w, e/m, 57k
£1,695

2003 (53) Ford Focus 1.6, silver, alloys, air con, 83k
£1,350

2011 Nissan Juke Visia 5dr



£7,395

43,000 miles, ABS, electric windows, parking sensors, multiple airbags, electric mirrors, remote central locking, power steering, air conditioning, CD player

2008 Mercedes-Benz CLC Coupe Clc200 Kompressor Sport



£7,995

59,000 miles, ABS, climate control, parking sensors, remote central locking, multiple airbags, half leather, electric windows, CD player, power steering, cruise control, electric mirrors

2008 Renault Clio Expression 16v Turbo 5dr



£3,395

69,000 miles, ABS, air conditioning, remote central locking, multiple airbags, electric windows, CD player, power steering, electric mirrors

2010 Peugeot RCZ HDi GT



£11,995

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CARS FROM £15 PER WEEK

- (10) Peugeot 107, in red, low mileage, service history, cheap to run, cheap to insure, cheap to tax, great value at £3299 or £16pw
- (11) Kia Rio 2 5DR, in silver, one previous owner, full service history, air con alloys, cheap to run and insure immaculate £3999 or £18pw
- (13) Nissan Micra Visia 5DR, in black, full Nissan history, one previous keeper, immaculate condition, only 23,000 miles £4499 or £19pw
- (60) Toyota Yaris T Spirit VVT-I 5dr, in silver, one owner, full Toyota history, sat nav, air con, alloys, immaculate, top spec £4699 or £19pw
- (14) Peugeot 107 active 5DR, One owner, full service history, full electric pack, air con, immaculate, £0 Road tax £4999 or £20pw
- (14) MG 3 Form Sport Vti-Tech 5dr, in White, One Owner, Full MG Service history, alloys, air con, immaculate condition £5299 or £21pw
- (11-14) Ford Fiesta Zetec Choice of 3, in various colours, Low Mileages, Air Con, Alloys, Full electric pack and more £5699 or £24pw
- (11) Skoda Octavia SE Tdi Estate 5DR, in caffé latte, One owner, alloys, service history, Air con, full electric pack £5699 or £24pw
- (11) Nissan Note N-Tec MPV 5DR, in silver, One owner, Alloys, Air con, sat nav, Bluetooth, top spec full electric pack £5699 or £24pw
- (13) Peugeot 208 Active 5DR, in Blue, One owner, Full Peugeot History, Touch Screen, Air con, Alloys, Immaculate condition £5699 or £24pw
- (10) Vauxhall Zafira Design CDTi Ecoflex 7 Seater MPV, in grey, full service history, one previous owner, full electric pack £5699 or £24pw
- (10-13) Choice of 3 Vauxhall Astras Petrol manual and autos, in various colours, beautiful condition, all the extras from £5999 or £25pw
- (14) Fiat 500 colour therapy, in baby blue, One owner, Only 25,000 miles, half leather, air con, stunning car, limited edition £5999 or £25pw
- (09) Toyota Avensis Tr D-4d Estate, in silver, one previous owner, full Toyota history, alloys, air con, immaculate condition £5999 or £25pw

CARS FROM £15 PER WEEK

- (61) Vauxhall Zafira Exclusiv 7 Seater, MPV, in Grey, One Owner, Service history, Air Con, iPod Connectivity and more £5999 or £25pw
- (63) Fiat 500 Lounge, in white, One owner, service history, alloys, pan roof, air con, Bluetooth, £30 Road tax £6299 or £25pw
- (09) Ford Fiesta Titanium 5dr, in black, ONLY 27,000 miles, Full ford service history, one previous owner, Top spec alloys air con, £6499 or £25pw
- (66) Vauxhall Viva SE 5DR, ONLY 900 MILES, £20 Road Tax, Low Insurance, up to 72mpg, full service history, Vauxhall warranty £6699 or £26pw
- (12) Volkswagen Polo Match 5DR, in Black, One owner, full service history, Alloys, air con, electric pack with many factory extras £6699 or £26pw
- (60) Mini Cooper D 3DR, in white, One owner, Alloys, air con, immaculate condition full elec pack and loads more £6699 or £26pw
- (64) Smart ForTwo Grandstyle Edition Cabrio, in black, one owner, 15,000 miles, Nav, Bluetooth, air con, POWER STEERING £6699 or £26pw
- (62) Kia Soul Gdi 2, in grey, One owner, full kia history, remainder of 7 year warranty, Alloys, air con immaculate £6699 or £26pw
- (14) Citroen DS3 Hdi D'Style Diesel Plus 3DR, In Gun Metal Grey, Black Roof, Chunky Alloys, 40,000 Miles with service History £6999 or £29pw
- (62) Ford Focus Zetec Tdci 5dr, in silver, service history, one previous owner, alloys, air con, full electric pack and more £6999 or £29pw
- (59) Volkswagen Golf S 5DR, in blue, One previous owner, full service history, air con, parking sensors, full electric pack and more £6999 or £29pw
- (61) Honda Jazz I-VTEC Ex 5dr, in grey, service history, one previous keeper, Alloys, Air con, immaculate inside and out £6999 or £29pw
- (15) Fiat 500 Lounge, in black, Only 10,000 miles, one previous owner, full fiat history, Bluetooth, alloys and air con £6999 or £29pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

- (12) Vauxhall Insignia Sri Nav CDTi Diesel Auto, in silver, Nav, sensors, alloys, air con, full service history, one previous owner £7699 or £36pw
- (15) Vauxhall Adam Slam 1.2 3 Door, Gloss Black With Black Roof, 16,000 Miles with Full service History, Illuminated Head Lining, £7999 or £40pw
- (62) Honda Civic I-VTEC SE 5dr, in white, One previous owner, low mileage, Panoramic roof, alloys, service history and more £7999 or £40pw
- (07) Lexus RX400h hybrid 4x4, in champagne silver, locally owned, sat nav, heated seats Bluetooth, climate control, park assist £7999 or £40pw
- (14) Citroen Bélingo MultiSpace E-Hdi Airdream Xtr MPV, Auto, in silver, full Citroen history, One Owner, Air con, alloys £7999 or £40pw
- (14) choice of two Ford Focus Estate navigator, in red and blue, One owner, service histories, Zetec kit and many more extras £7999 or £40pw
- (10) Nissan Qashqai N-Tec 5DR, in Black, One Previous owner, service history, Pan roof, Sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise and more £8299 or £40pw
- (62) BMW 1 Series Coupe 118d 2.0 Sport Plus edition, in white, One owner, M sport alloys, Body kit, Top spec and more £8699 or £42pw
- (60) Mercedes Benz C180 Blueefficiency Sport saloon, in grey, One Previous keeper, Alloys, air con, Bluetooth and more £8699 or £42pw
- (55) Mercedes Benz SLK200 Kompressor Convertible, in silver, Full service history, One previous keeper, Leather, Nav, top spec £8699 or £42pw
- (62) VW Passat SE Tdi Bluemotion Estate, in Metallic Blue, Alloys, Electric pack, Roof Rails, Superb Inside & Out £8999 or £43pw
- (62) Nissan Juke Shiro 5DR, in black, Full colour nav, Bluetooth, leather, tinted windows, immaculate with extras £8999 or £43pw
- (62) Mini Countryman One 5 Door, In Metallic Black, Only 20,000 Miles, full service History, Alloy wheels, value at £8999 or £43pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

- (11) BMW 1 Series M Sport Coupe, in Metallic Blue, One Owner, M sport Alloys, Top Spec, Half leather, Climate control and more £9499 or £44pw
- (09) Nissan X-trail Arctic Expedition dCi, in blue, Full Nissan History, One Owner, Top spec, sun roof, sat nav, Full electric pack £9699 or £46pw
- (14) Vauxhall Zafira Tourer SRI Diesel, only 8,000 miles, One Owner, Full Vauxhall history, top spec, climate control £9999 or £50pw
- (63) Volkswagen Golf SE 5DR Auto, in Grey, Full touch screen, One Owner, Full service history, Air con, Bluetooth, alloys and more £9999 or £50pw
- (10) Ford Focus ST St-3 3dr, in grey, full ford history, 2 previous owners, Sat nav, Bluetooth, air con, leather seats, immaculate £10699 or POA
- (13) BMW 1 series SE NAV, in silver, one owner, full service history, nav blue tooth, alloys, air con and many factory extras £10999 or POA
- (11) Honda CR-V I-DTEC EX Estate, in silver, Sat Nav, Full leather, Bluetooth, Pan Roof, Alloys, Sensors, Top Spec with loads of extras £10999 or POA
- (10) Audi A5 Convertible Tfsi SE, in silver, One Owner, Full service history, Full leather, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more £11999 or POA
- (13) Audi TT Tdi Quattro Black Edition Coupe, in Black, Xenon Lights, Bose, 19" Alloys, Top Spec, One Owner, Full service history, £13699 or POA
- (61) Mercedes SLK200 Edition 125 Convertible, in Black, Full command sat nav, AMG Alloys, Hard top Power roof, Stunning car £13999 or POA
- (61) BMW X3 20d M Sport 5DR, in silver, Full M Sport body kit, One previous owner, Service history, Bluetooth, top spec £13999 or POA
- (13) Ford Galaxy Titanium Tdci 7 Seater MPV, in black, One owner, only 16,000 miles, Bluetooth, Climate, electric pack and more £15699 or POA

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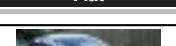
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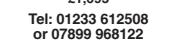
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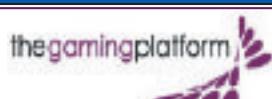
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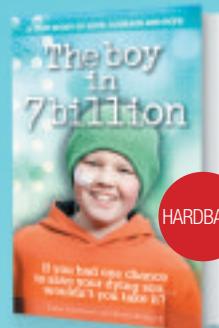
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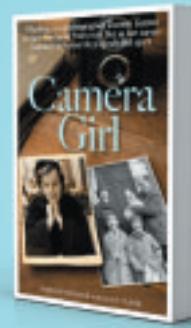
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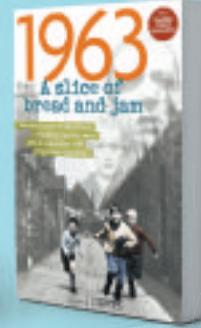
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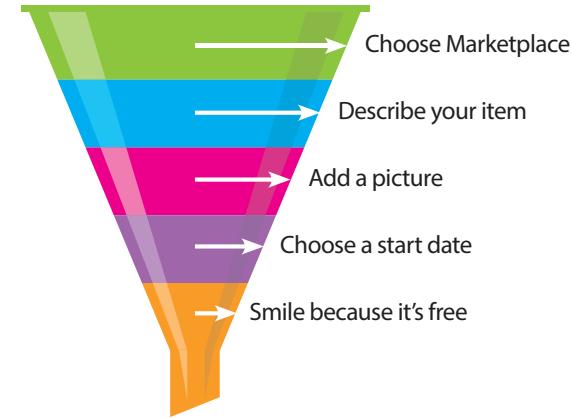
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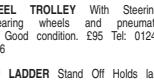
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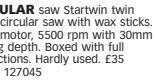
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Essex County Council

(Various Roads, Harlow District) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Clearway) (No.8) Order 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

1. To temporarily close the various lengths of road in the Harlow District as specified in Schedule 1.
2. A temporary 'No Stopping' restriction will be introduced on both sides of carriageway on the above lengths of roads for the duration of the closure to facilitate the works. Signs will be installed indicating when the No Stopping restriction will be in force.

"The District of Harlow (On Street) (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2011" will be temporarily amended to include the temporary 'No Stopping at Any Time' restriction and suspend any existing parking and waiting restrictions on the above lengths of roads only. All other restrictions and exemptions contained in the aforementioned Order and Amendments to that Order shall remain in force. The works being undertaken will take place within an 18-month period from 1st September 2017, exact dates will be specified on <http://roadworks.org/>. The roads will be closed to facilitate each phase and then re-opened to the public. Access will be maintained for emergency services. Diversion routes will be signed at each location and residents will be informed of the dates of each phase via letter/leaflet drop and advanced warning signs on the road.

For all enquiries please contact our Contact Centre on 0345 603 7631.

The Order will come into effect on 31st August 2017 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Schedule 1

Location	Extents	Diversion
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A414 Fifth Avenue (Northbound), Harlow	From roundabout with Hayden Road to roundabout with Hammarskjold Road, a distance of approximately 139m.	A414 Fifth Avenue, A1169 Elizabeth Way/Third Avenue, A1019 Velizy Avenue.

Dated: 31/08/2017

HARLOW DISTRICT COUNCIL (CROWN GATE HARLOW, ESSEX) (INTRODUCTION OF NO WAITING/LOADING/ UNLOADING RESTRICTION) (OFF STREET) ORDER 2017 NOTICE OF INTENTION

The District Council of Harlow ("the Council") in accordance with section 39(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and under arrangements made with the said County Council pursuant to S.101 Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000 and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police HEREBY intend to make the above Order under (a) the powers conferred by Section 1(1) and 2(1), 3(2) and 4(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers in accordance with Part III to Schedule 9 to the Act and (b) section 74 (as modified by Statutory Instrument 2003 No. 2440) and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 ("the 2004 Act") and (c) in accordance with Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996. Intend to make the following Order:

Harlow District Council (Crown Gate) (Introduction of No Waiting/No Loading/No Unloading Restriction (Off Street) Order 2017

The effect of this Order will be to;

1. Introduce No Waiting/Loading/Unloading at any time to the side of Redstone House.

to the area of the road specified in the schedules to this Order. A copy of the proposed Order and associated schedule is available for inspection online at www.harlow.gov.uk/traffic-orders; at Harlow District Council Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow CM20 1WG and Chelmsford County Library, Market Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1LH during normal office hours. Copies can be acquired on payment at photocopying charges.

Any objections to the proposed Order should be made in writing, stating the ground(s) on which they are made and addressed to;

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Dated: 31st August 2017.



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The following applications have been received by Harlow District Council. These applications and others received can be inspected online at www.harlow.gov.uk or at Harlow Council Planning Services, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex CM20 1WG on Monday-Friday, 9am-4.45pm. If you are unable to view the plans during these times, please telephone Planning Services on 01279 446856 where a suitable appointment can be made with the relevant case officer.

Any one who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Application No HW/FUL/17/00385 **Ward:** Harlow Common
Application Type Full Application

Location Parking Spaces to the Rear of 72 Upper Meaines, Harlow, Essex
Proposal Conversion of small grassed verge to create additional hardstanding parking spaces to accompany the existing.

Reason for Advert Harlow District Council Application
Application No HW/FUL/17/00384 **Ward:** Mark Hall
Application Type Full Application

Location Garages, 20-25 Orchard Croft, Harlow, Essex
Proposal Demolition of garage terrace and leave as hardstanding terrace area, including partial conversion of adjacent grassed verge to provide one additional space.

Reason for Advert Harlow District Council Application
Application No HW/OUT/AM/17/00327 **Ward:** Little Parndon and Hare Street

Application Type Outline Application All Matters Reserved
Location Police Office Kitchens, 286A Fold Croft, Harlow, Essex
Proposal Residential development for up to four new dwellings on land at Harlow Dog Section and Police House, Fold Croft.

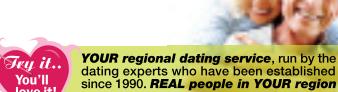
Reason for Advert Local Public Interest
Application No HW/FUL/17/00370 **Ward:** Mark Hall
Application Type Full Application

Location Service Industry Bays, The Stow, Harlow, Essex
Proposal Redevelopment of existing service bays (employment use) into a mixed-use development comprising of 87no. one and two-bedroom apartments, 11no. live/work units and 660sqm of B1 use. The proposals also incorporate an undercroft car parking, mews courtyard and residential gardens.

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Points for effort, but not the result

Town do everything but score as they slip to defeat against Enfield

HARLOW Town threw everything bar the kitchen sink at Enfield Town on Monday but returned home empty handed in a narrow 1-0 defeat.

The visitors almost made the best possible start when, after just 18 seconds, Junior Dadson beat the offside trap, but his shot was well saved by keeper Joe Wright.

Harlow dominated the early stages and enjoyed more of the ball, and they should have taken the lead following a goalmouth melee but Enfield scrambled the ball clear.

Alex Read's shot from outside the area then saw Wright pull off a great stop.

The hosts went ahead in the 13th minute when Harlow defender James Shepherd put the ball in the back of his own net when attempting to clear a vicious free-kick whipped in by Aaron Greene.

Hawks didn't let their heads drop, and responded almost immediately as they piled forward with Dadson's fierce shot hitting a post.

Handful

The pressure from Harlow was relentless, with Dadson proving a handful for the home defence.

But Enfield did pose the occasional threat, most notable when great work by Aaron Greene found Drew Roberts in space, but his shot sailed just over.

Harlow came flying out of the traps at the start of the second half, but failed to make their chances count, while for the opposition

Green and Ryan Blake remained a constant threat.

Fabion Simms headed clear from a Greene cross and then a Blake near post effort on the right was hacked clear.

With the game reaching the hour mark Town continued to



Charlie Dickens (left) in action for Harlow against Enfield Town
Photo by www.enfieldtownfootballdub.co.uk

stand firm against the resolute visitors, with Sam Young shooting wide.

In the closing stages the hosts pressed for the goal that would put the result to bed.

Green saw another one of his shots fall shy of the target, and Xavier Vidal's free-kick in a decent position came to nothing.

With the final whistle beckoning Vidal almost stole a share of the spoils, but he blazed wide from just inside the box.

There was still time for Town to almost grab a second when Ryan Blake latched onto a ball played over the top and he flicked it over keeper Ben McNamara, but at full stretch he just could not turn the

ball home as it fell to safety.

In the last minute of stoppage time when Wright was called into action once again, pulling off a wonderful save from another Vidal effort.

Harlow finally got their first win of the season on Saturday with a 2-0 win over Lowestoft Town in front of a crowd of 212 at

the Arena.

Alex Read broke the deadlock by giving the Hawks a 65th minute lead, and Dobson made the points safe with a second goal four minutes later.

The Hawks travel to fellow Bostik Premier side Thurrock in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup this Saturday.

Harlow soundly beaten by promotion chasers

HARLOW were always going to have a hard game at promotion chasing Billericay, and so it proved as they were beaten by seven wickets.

Having won the toss, Harlow elected to bat knowing that any score above 200 would at least give them maximum batting points in their Shepherd Neame

Essex League Division One relegation battle.

Harlow got off to a steady start but then lost openers Hafiz Yawar Afzal for 44, run out, and Alan Jones lbw for 23.

After that, with the exception of Ahmed Khawaja (41), it was not a good day with the bat overall.

Try as they might only three other batsmen got into double figures as Harlow were bowled out for 180 in the end with two balls of the innings still remaining.

Billericay wanting the win themselves to stay in the promotion hunt set about the task of chasing down the 181

runs required.

An early breakthrough saw opener David Hinnigan out lbw for 14. After that the Billericay side settled down and scored steadily, losing just two more wickets, one for Alan Jones and one for young Nathan Khelawan to reach their target in 37.4 overs to maintain second place in the

league.

Harlow are now 15 points from safety with just two matches to play.

This Saturday they meet promotion chasing Hadleigh and Thundersley – a defeat here would almost certainly mean Harlow were relegated after a promising start.

Fine 39th for Watts

HARLOW Running Club member Paul Watts completed the Birmingham Canal Canter – a 26 mile marathon run along the city's canals.

He finished in a creditable 39th place out of 204 finishers in a personal best 5hr 03min 00sec.

Meanwhile, at the Olympic Park 10 mile race on Saturday Andy Kinney finished in 87th place out of 113 finishers in 1.56:30sec.

The next day Kinney completed the Gilbertdyke 10 mile race in East Yorkshire, clocking a time of 2.01:11 for 438th place out of 454 finishers.

Some members of the club's Tri section completed the Box End Park 10k swim at Bedford – a distance known as the swimmer's marathon.

Faith Jackson-Lee led the way in ninth place out of 26 finishers in 2.48:04sec. She was followed by Andrew Kitson, 13th in 3.02:27, Holly Nairn, 20th in 3.31:34 and Michael Gornall, 24th in 4.08:10.

Several Harlow runners completed various parkruns up and down the country.

Closest to home, at the Harlow parkrun 5k, Ben Chityo finished third out of 212 finishers in 19:44.

He was followed home by: Ben Usher (4th, 19:45); Graeme Butler (5th, 20:41 PB); Craig Segal (10th, 21:59); Martyn Coulter (13th, 22:04); Terry Ridge (24th, 22:57); Graham Saville (34th and 1st Vet 55, 23:39); Catherine Ridge (36th and 3rd female, 23:55); Paul Dixon (40th, 24:11); Darren Rautenbach (45th, 24:37); Spencer Brooks (46th, 24:39); David Morley (59th, 25:09); Paul Schroeder (67th, 26:09); Robin Lozeau (85th and 1st Vet 60, 27:26); Jeff Mace (87th, 27:34); Andrew Smith (98th, 28:46); Alan Wellbelove (110th, 30:01); Brenda Clayton 111th and 1st female Vet 70, 30:07; Melanie Harris (136th and 1st female Vet 60, 32:16) and Austin Nyamande (175th, 36:03).

At the Hatfield Forest parkrun, Afewerk Rossom was victorious in out of 307 finishers in a fantastic time of 16:57.

Alan Broughton was 11th and 1st Vet 50 in 19:59; Jason Haigh 22nd in 21:33 and Martin McColligan was 73rd and 2nd Vet 60 in 25:15.

Daniel Jephcott finished in sixth place out of 333 finishers in a superb PB of 18:35 at the Windermere parkrun in Cumbria.

At the Helston parkrun in Cornwall, Andy Terrell finished 14th out of 305 in a PB of 19:26.

Racing in the Hackney Marshes parkrun, Martin Westley finished 38th out of 228 in a PB of 20:13.

At the Ware parkrun, Darren Tiley was fifth out of 80 finishers in 21:11; Paula Reynolds was 11th and second female in 22:51; Sean Flynn 12th in 23:05 and Debbie Barry 29th and first female Vet 55 in 26:35.

Finally, at the Lowestoft parkrun, Saira Muschamp finished 65th in a PB of 23:43.